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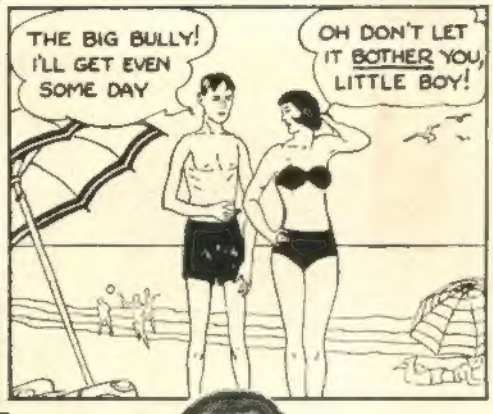

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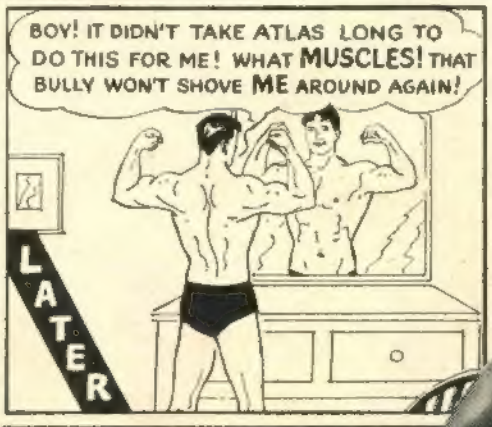

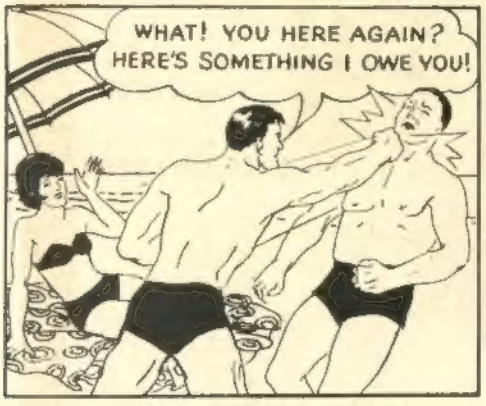

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AS YOU WISH, COMMANDER-- BUT MAY I ASK THE PURPOSE OF ABDUCTING THE ALIEN YOU HAVE SELECTED?
OF COURSE! I HAVE NO REASON TO EXCLUDE YOU FROM MY CONFIDENCE...
DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN YOU AND I FIRST MET, CAPTAIN?
WE WERE BOTH IN PRISON-- PUT THERE FOR SPEAKING OUT AGAINST OUR CORRUPT RULERS!
CORRECT! BUT I ESCAPED... PROMISING TO RETURN AND FREE YOU AND ALL THE OTHER POLITICAL PRISONERS UNJUSTLY CONFINED THERE...
I REMEMBER WELL, COMMANDER, FOR YOU KEPT THAT PROMISE! YOU RISKED YOUR LIFE TO COME BACK AND HELP US GAIN OUR FREEDOM!
RUN FOR MY SPACESHIP, MEN-- QUICKLY!
BURRR
AAARG!!
EVERY MAN YOU HELPED ESCAPE NOW SERVES YOU LOYALLY ABOARD THIS GREAT SPACE-CRAFT-- WE SHALL BE IN YOUR DEBT FOREVER!
THANK YOU, CAPTAIN-- BUT NOW WE ARE OUTCASTS! MEN WITHOUT A PLANET...
...AND I GROW LONELY FOR THE COMPANIONSHIP OF A FEMALE...
WHEN I SAW THAT BEAUTIFUL EARTHLING ON OUR VISUAL SCANNER, I--
YOU DECIDED SHE WOULD BECOME YOUR MATE?
...THEN SO SHALL IT BE, COMMANDER! I WILL NOT RETURN WITHOUT HER!
PLANET EARTH JUST AHEAD, SIR.
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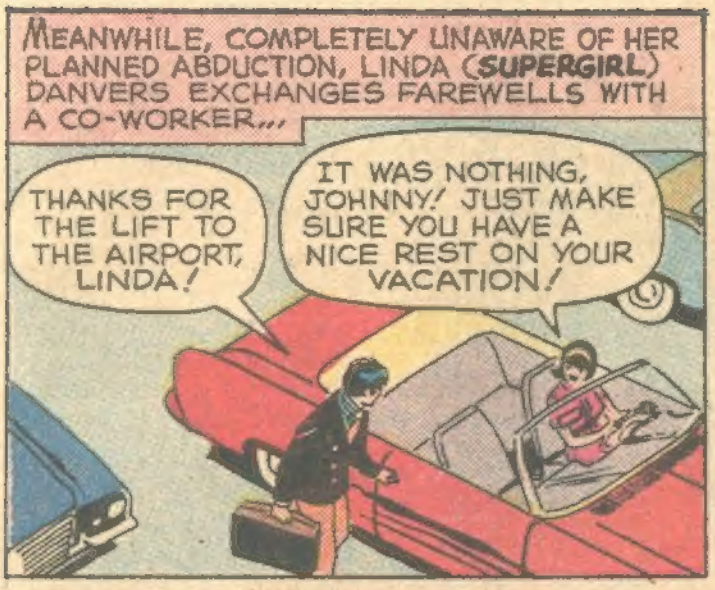
MEANWHILE, COMPLETELY UNAWARE OF HER PLANNED ABDUCTION, LINDA (SUPERGIRL) DANVERS EXCHANGES FAREWELLS WITH A CO-WORKER...
THANKS FOR THE LIFT TO THE AIRPORT, LINDA!
IT WAS NOTHING, JOHNNY! JUST MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A NICE REST ON YOUR VACATION!

YOU'D BETTER BELIEVE IT! I MAY EVEN DO SOME WORK IN THE OFFICE WHEN I RETURN!
HUH? YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO GIVE OUR BOSS A HEART-ATTACK, WOULD YOU?

SO LONG, BABY!
'BYE, JOHNNY!
??
THAT MAN GETTING OUT OF THE TAXI-- MY X-RAY VISION REVEALS HE'S CARRYING A GUN UNDER HIS COAT JACKET-- AND NO OFFICIAL CREDENTIALS!
TAXI

RACING TO A DESERTED SECTION OF THE AIRPORT PARKING LOT, SUPERGIRL QUICKLY PREPARES TO CHANGE INTO THE COSTUME SECRETED INSIDE HER PURSE WHEN SUDDENLY--
WHAT THE--? SOMEONE FLYING TOWARD ME!

GREAT GUNS! HE'S CARRYING ME OFF-- AND I CAN'T USE MY SUPER POWERS TO STOP HIM BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN SEEN BY THOSE PEOPLE DOWN THERE!
WOW! WHAT'S THAT ALL ABOUT?
RKING
LL DAY
AW, PROBABLY JUST TWO DUMMIES IN SOME KIND OF PUBLICITY STUNT FOR A MOVIE!

BUT AT LEAST I CAN STILL USE MY HEAT VISION WITHOUT ANYONE DETECTING MY TRUE IDENTITY!
HEY, LOOK! THAT GUY'S JACKET'S ON FIRE!
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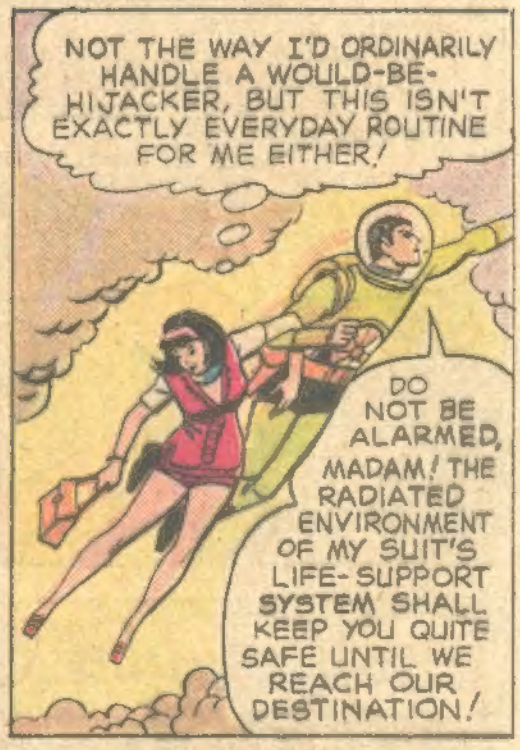
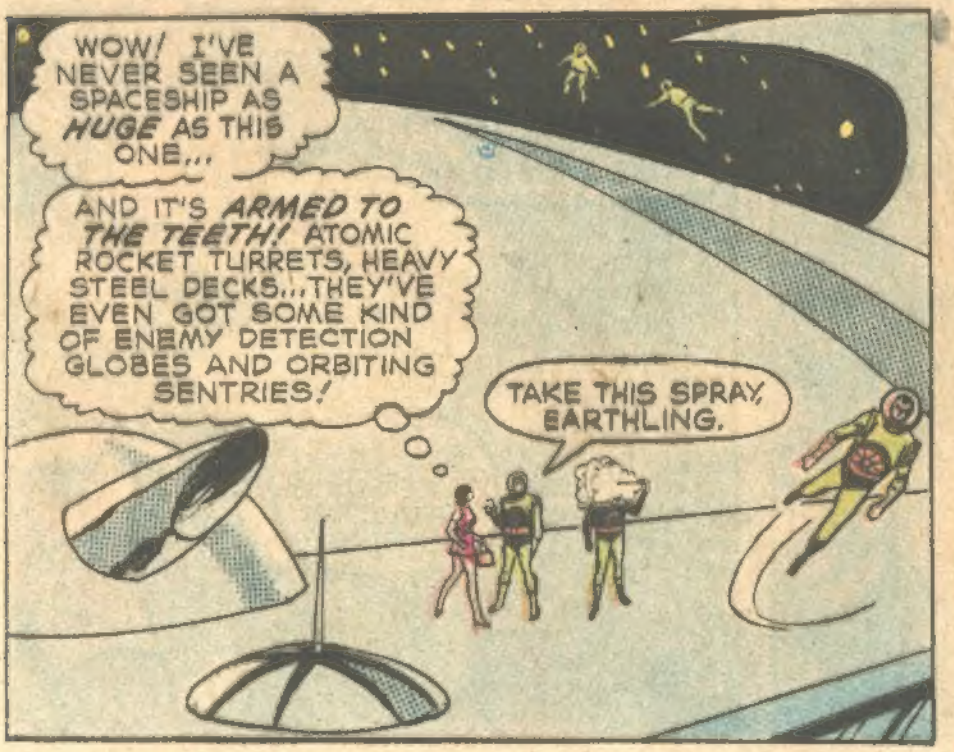
AAARRRG!
WHA-? H-HE'S CARRYING A GUN!
STEP ASIDE--I'LL HANDLE THIS!


NOT THE WAY I'D ORDINARILY HANDLE A WOULD-BE-HIJACKER, BUT THIS ISN'T EXACTLY EVERYDAY ROUTINE FOR ME EITHER!
DO NOT BE ALARMED, MADAM! THE RADIATED ENVIRONMENT OF MY SUIT'S LIFE-SUPPORT SYSTEM SHALL KEEP YOU QUITE SAFE UNTIL WE REACH OUR DESTINATION!

SOMETIME LATER...
I'VE ALLOWED THIS CHARACTER TO CONTINUE CARRYING ME OFF SO I CAN FIND OUT WHERE AND WHO HE'S TAKING ME TO...

...BUT SO FAR-
OH-OH! LOOKS LIKE WE'VE ARRIVED AT OUR DESTINATION!


WOW! I'VE NEVER SEEN A SPACESHIP AS HUGE AS THIS ONE...
AND IT'S ARMED TO THE TEETH! ATOMIC ROCKET TURRETS, HEAVY STEEL DECKS...THEY'VE EVEN GOT SOME KIND OF ENEMY DETECTION GLOBES AND ORBITING SENTRIES!
TAKE THIS SPRAY, EARTHLING.

YOU MUST USE IT TO RID YOUR PERSON OF ANY FOREIGN GERMS YOU MAY HAVE CARRIED WITH YOU FROM YOUR PLANET!
HURRY, PLEASE--THE COMMANDER AWAITS YOU!

SOON--
I HAVE RETURNED WITH THE EARTHLING AS ORDERED, SIR!
SPLENDID WORK, CAPTAIN!
ENTER, MY DEAR! I HAVE PREPARED A FEAST IN HONOR OF YOUR ARRIVAL!
AND--
ARE YOU IN THE HABIT OF HAVING YOUR DINNER GUESTS ABDUCTED, COMMANDER?
YOUR HOSTILE ATTITUDE WILL CHANGE WHEN I EXPLAIN!
YOUR ABDUCTION WAS IN FACT RESCUE FROM A DOOMED PLANET!
BEHOLD THE WEAPONS I HAVE ABOARD MY SPACESHIP-- PARALYSIS-GAS BOMBS CAPABLE OF RENDERING EVERY INHABITANT OF EARTH-COMPLETELY HELPLESS WITHIN HOURS AFTER EXPLODING WITHIN YOUR PLANET'S ATMOSPHERE!
AND THEY ARE BUT A FRACTION OF THE DESTRUCTIVE FORCE THIS VEHICLE CAN UNLEASH UPON ANY SELECTED TARGET!
YOU INTEND TO DESTROY EARTH WITH THESE WEAPONS?
OF COURSE! THIS IS AN INVINCIBLE PIRATE CRAFT THAT I COMMAND. WE HAVE ALREADY DESTROYED A DOZEN PLANETS...
...BUT THE GODS OF FORTUNE HAVE SMILED UPON YOU, DEAR LADY! YOU HAVE BEEN SPARED FOR THE PURPOSE OF BECOMING MY MATE!
UHH?
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YES, FEMALE- YOU SHALL SOON BE HONORED BY BECOMING THE MATE OF ONE WHO IS DESTINED TO RULE THE UNIVERSE!
WHILE THIS MADMAN REVELS IN HIS FANTASIES, I'D BETTER USE MY SUPER SPEED TO CHANGE INTO COSTUME.
OF COURSE, YOUR INFERIOR BREEDING WILL NOT ALLOW ME TO EVER CONSIDER YOU AS AN EQUAL, BUT IF YOU TRY HARD...
WHAT?!
IT'S WHAT I WEAR WHEN I'M ABOUT TO STOP A DANGEROUS FANATIC LIKE YOU, COMMANDER!
Y-YOU MEAN YOU REFUSE MY GRACIOUS OFFER--? AND COMPOUND THE INSULT BY DARING TO CALL ME A FANATIC?
RIGHT ON BOTH COUNTS! NOW IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I'VE GOT SOME DISMANTLING TO DO!
BUT BEFORE SUPERGIRL CAN BEGIN HER TASK, THE ENRAGED COMMANDER QUICKLY ACTS...
FOOL! YOU SHALL PAY FOR SUCH INSOLENCE WITH YOUR LIFE!
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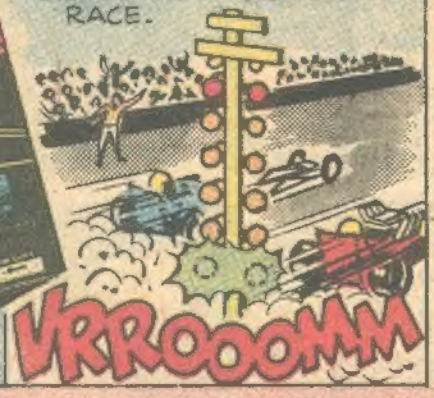
I'LL BET MY SSP RACER IS FASTER THAN YOURS!

NOW WE CAN PROVE WHO'S FASTEST-- DOWN TO THE SPLIT SECOND!

WHIRRRRRRRR

...CAUSE I'VE GOT KENNER'S NEW SSP TIME TRIAL SET!

IT WORKS JUST LIKE THE "CHRISTMAS TREE" STARTING LIGHTS AT A REAL DRAG RACE.



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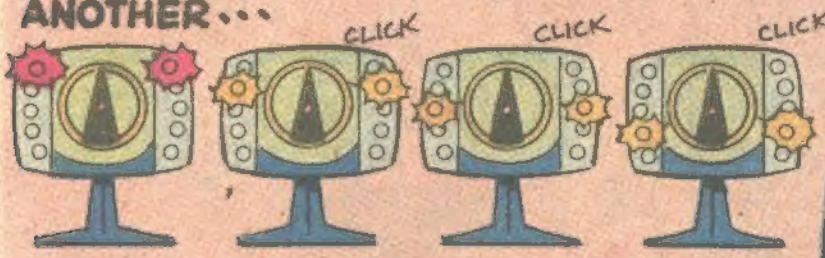
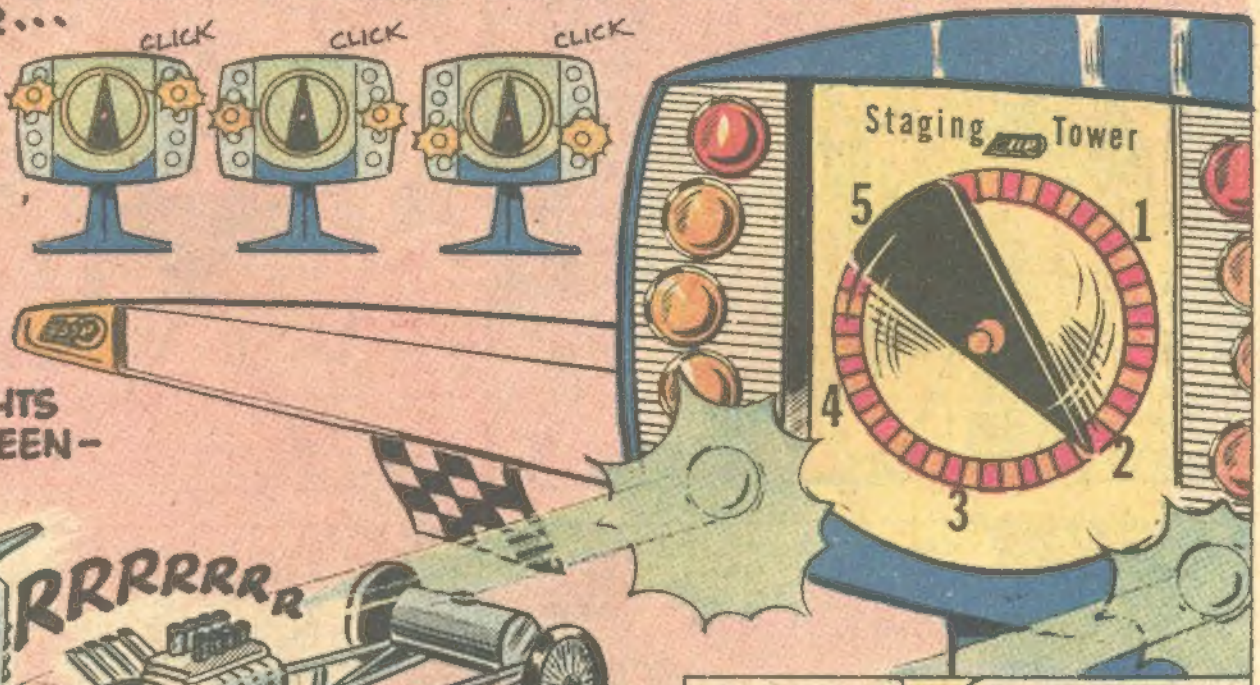
IT'S GOT EVERYTHING WE NEED TO TIME OUR SSP DRAG RACERS INCLUDING A SPECIAL GOLD SSP RAIL BIRD.

...THE ACTION STARTS-CHRISTMAS TREE STARTING LIGHTS FLASH ONE AFTER ANOTHER...

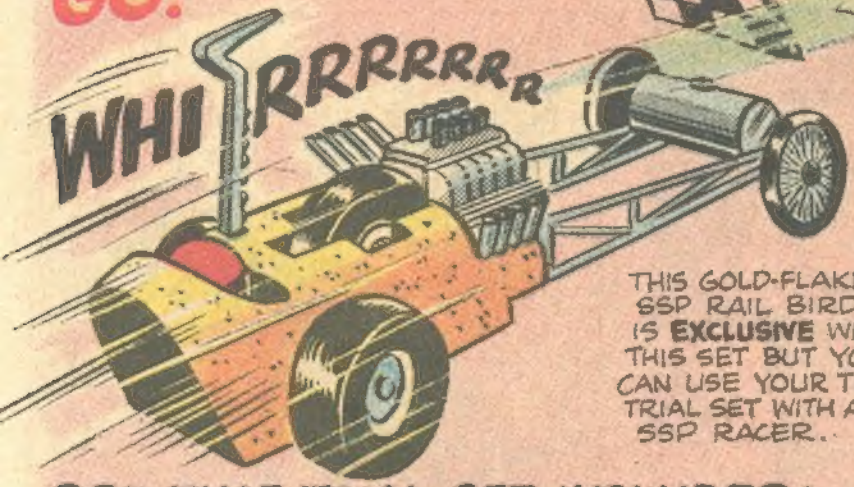




CLOCK STARTS WHEN LIGHTS FLASH GREEN-

GO!

WHIRRRRRRR



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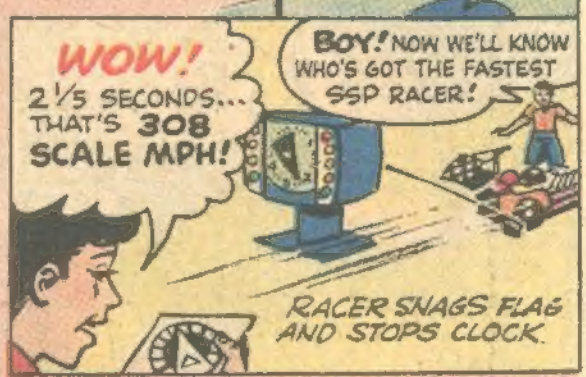
WOW! 2 1/5 SECONDS... THAT'S 308 SCALE MPH!

BOY! NOW WE'LL KNOW WHO'S GOT THE FASTEST SSP RACER!



RACER SNAGS FLAG AND STOPS CLOCK.

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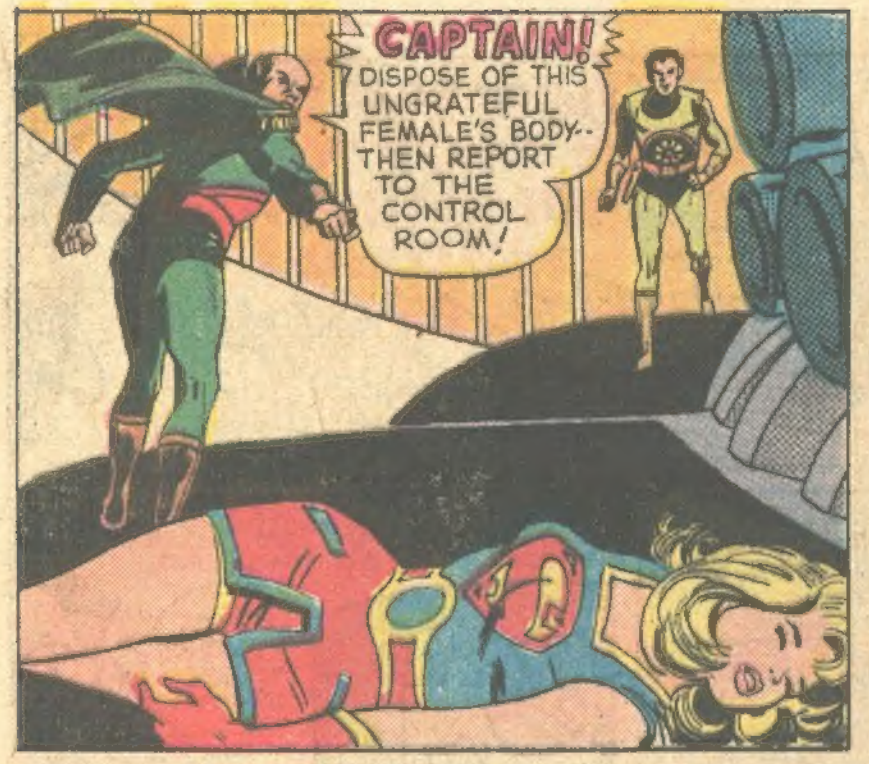
CAPTAIN!
DISPOSE OF THIS UNGRATEFUL FEMALE'S BODY-- THEN REPORT TO THE CONTROL ROOM!

I WILL NEED YOUR HELP WHEN WE BEGIN OUR ATTACK ON THE PLANET EARTH!
YES SIR!

HOW STRANGE! THIS EARTHLING LOOKS TOTALLY UNLIKE THE ONE I CAPTURED FOR OUR COMMAN--
WHA-?
...SHE... STILL LIVES!
OOOH!

IT WOULD BE TOO CRUEL FOR ME TO FEED YOU TO THE DISINTEGRATOR BOX WHILE LIFE REMAINS IN YOUR BODY, FEMALE. I SHALL KILL YOU FIRST.
G-GO AHEAD, CAPTAIN. YOU'RE JUST AS MUCH A FILTHY BARBARIAN AS YOUR COMMANDER ANYWAY.

CALL US WHAT YOU WILL, EARTHLING, BUT OUR MISSION FAR OUTWEIGHS YOUR INSIGNIFICANT LIFE! WE ATTACK AND PLUNDER AND KILL FOR A JUST CAUSE!

IT IS TO MAKE US RICH AND POWERFUL, SO THAT ONE DAY WE MAY RETURN WITH AN INVINCIBLE ARMADA OF SPACECRAFT AND DESTROY THE CORRUPT LEADERS WHO NOW RULE OUR HOME PLANET OF SOMAR!
SOMAR?

BUT IT HAPPENED OVER A YEAR AGO! HOW IS IT POSSIBLE YOU DIDN'T HEAR?
SPEAK CLEARLY, EARTHLING! HEAR WHAT?
THAT YOUR HOME PLANET NOW HAS NEW LEADERS! IT WAS ANNOUNCED ON ALL THE PLANETARY STATIONS! THE INHABITANTS THEMSELVES ROSE UP AGAINST THE OLD REGIME!!
IMPOSSIBLE! OUR CRAFT IS EQUIPPED WITH THE MOST SENSITIVE RADIO DEVICES IN THE UNIVERSE-- OUR COMMANDER WOULD HAVE HEARD IMMEDIATELY.
...H-HE WOULD HAVE INFORMED THE CREW... UPON RECEIVING SUCH NEWS!
YOUR COMMANDER KNEW ALL RIGHT, CAPTAIN-- BUT HE DIDN'T CARE! CAN'T YOU SEE HE JUST WANTS TO CONTINUE USING YOU AND YOUR MEN TO GAIN RICHES AND POWER?
HIS PLAN IS TO MAKE HIMSELF RULER OF THE UNIVERSE!
...YES... I FEAR YOU SPEAK THE TRUTH.. I MYSELF HAVE GROWN TO SUSPECT HIS EARNESTNESS.. BUT AT THE BEGINNING HIS MOTIVES WERE AS OURS-- THE LUST FOR POWER EVIDENTLY CAME UPON HIM LATER..
ONCE HE WAS A GIANT OF A MAN, EARTHLING... NOW...
...THOUGH I AM INDEBTED TO HIM FOR GIVING ME MY FREEDOM-- WITH THIS KNOWLEDGE I NOW POSSESS, I CANNOT CONTINUE TO SERVE HIM IN GOOD CONSCIENCE, THEREFORE...
CAPTAIN-- NO!
POOF!
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THE POOR DEVIL DESTROYED HIMSELF-- BEFORE I COULD STOP H.M--
WHAT A FOOLISH THING TO DO!
SIR! A PATROL CRAFT HAS BEEN PICKED UP ON OUR SOUNDTRACK!
IT IS APPROACHING OUR VEHICLE AT A RAPID RATE OF SPEED!
WHAT SIZE CRAFT DID YOU MAKE IT OUT TO BE?
AN XXI COMMANDER!
HA! ONE OF THEIR LIGHTER CRAFT! WE'LL BLOW THAT GUARDIAN OF SPACE TO SMITHEREENS THE MOMENT IT GETS WITHIN RANGE OF OUR ROCKETS!
THEN WE'LL PROCEED WITH OUR PLANNED ATTACK ON THE PLANET EARTH!
DON'T COUNT ON THAT COMMANDER!
WHA-?...Y-YOU!
YOU'RE NOT DEAD!?!

DEAD? I NEVER FELT BETTER IN MY LIFE! THAT RAY WEAPON YOU USED ON ME ONLY KNOCKED ME UNCONSCIOUS FOR A FEW MINUTES!
NOW BEFORE I BEGIN RETALIATING, WILL YOU AGREE TO SURRENDER TO THE PATROL CRAFT THAT'S ON ITS WAY HERE?
SURELY YOU JEST, FEMALE! YOU CANNOT BELIEVE THAT YOU'RE CAPABLE OF OVERPOWERING MY ENTIRE CREW?
IT IS ONLY FOR ME TO GIVE THE ORDER AND YOU WILL BE VANQUISHED!
BLAST HER, MEN! DESTROY THE ALIEN!
BUT AS THE CREW OBEYS THEIR LEADER AND OPEN FIRE, SUPERGIRL'S INCREDIBLE SPEED SWIFTLY MOVES HER FROM HARM'S WAY.
SHE'S GONE!! DISAPPEARED BEFORE OUR VERY EYES!

I'VE BEEN KIDNAPPED FROM EARTH, BLASTED WITH A RAY GUN, AND ORDERED DISINTEGRATED--
NOW I THINK IT'S TIME TO REGISTER MY DISAPPROVAL OF SUCH ACTIONS!
POW!
POW!
POW!
POW!
POW!
SCCN.
THAT TAKES CARE OF THE CREW! NOW TO BEGIN DISMANTLING THIS PIRATE'S PARADISE!
I CANNOT BELIEVE THE EARTHLING'S STRENGTH-- THIS CRAFT HAS WITHSTOOD NUCLEAR ROCKET ATTACKS--
-THESE RADAR UNITS GO NEXT!
CRASH!
-YET SHE RIPS IT APART AS IF IT WERE MADE OF PAPER!!
WHUMP!

SOMETIME LATER, AS A DELIGHTED GROUP OF SPACEMEN BOARD THE BATTERED REMAINS OF THE PIRATE CRAFT...
GALAXY SPACE PATROL
WE OF THE PLANETARY GALAXY PATROL HAVE HEARD OF YOUR INNUMERABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS, SUPERGIRL!
BUT TO HAVE OVERPOWERED A MIGHTY CRAFT SUCH AS THIS ONE WAS TRULY AN AMAZING FEAT!
I QUITE AGREE, GENTLEMEN...
UNTIL A SHORT TIME AGO I BELIEVED THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE WAS MINE FOR THE TAKING... THAT NO FORCE OR LIVING THING COULD STOP ME...
IF ONLY YOU, SUPERGIRL, HAD BEEN MY PARTNER INSTEAD OF MY ADVERSARY...
...OH WHAT A TEAM WE WOULD HAVE MADE...WHAT POWER AND GLORY COULD HAVE BEEN OURS!
MAKE ROOM FOR ONE MORE, CORPORAL!
END

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I ASKED FOR IT--NO DENYING THAT! IT WAS MY FIRST TEST AS A COSTUMED CRIME-FIGHTER, UTILIZING INCREDIBLE SKILLS THAT FATE HAD DEALT ME! IT WAS A DECISION I HAD TO MAKE... GIVING UP A FUTURE LIFE AS A NORMAL HUMAN BEING.. AND A HAPPY MARRIAGE . TO CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE FORCES OF EVIL AS..

A-MAN-

THE HERO WITH ANIMAL POWERS

THERE I WAS IN A CAVE MAKING ELABORATE PREPARATIONS AND THINKING OF THE FANTASTIC CIRCUM-STANCES THAT BROUGHT ME THERE
I GUESS MOST PEOPLE WOULD THINK I'M OFF MY ROCKER! BUT FATE DEALT ME THIS MAD HAND... AND I'VE GOT TO GO THROUGH WITH IT..
IT ALL BEGAN WHEN I STUMBLED ON THE SPACE CAPSULE THAT EXPLODED IN MY FACE...
KA-BOOM
IT WAS THE STRANGE RADIATION THAT DID IT--AFFECTED MY ENTIRE BODY.
WHENEVER I GOT CLOSE TO AN ANIMAL--ANY ANIMAL--I ASSUMED ITS POWERS! LIKE THE TIME THE CIRCUS TRAIN CRASHED...
I ACQUIRED THE STRENGTH OF A GORILLA TO TACKLE THAT TIGER
AND LATER, I MATCHED MY ELEPHANT POWERS AGAINST THOSE OF THE BEAST THAT WAS ATTACKING..
WHAM
THEN THERE WAS THAT SHOWDOWN BATTLE WITH THE ALIEN BEAST!
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT IT WAS DOING HERE--BUT I MANAGED TO LURE IT TO ITS DEATH EVEN AFTER I LOST MY ANIMAL POWERS...

JUST A SHORT TIME LATER, THE CREATURE'S ALIEN PALS ARRIVED ON EARTH WITH ANOTHER MONSTROSITY-- AND A CRAZY "HATE" RAY THEY USED REACTIVATED MY ANIMAL POWERS...
IT WASN'T UNTIL I GOT THE DROP ON THOSE CHARACTERS AND SENT THEM BACK FOREVER TO THEIR HOME PLANET THAT I REALIZED A STARTLING FACT..
MY ANIMAL POWERS... I'VE STILL GOT THEM! PERHAPS... PERHAPS THEY WON'T GO AWAY AND I CAN UTILIZE THEM AGAIN TO FIGHT ANY EVIL THAT MIGHT THREATEN MANKIND!
AND SINCE I'VE RETAINED MY ANIMAL POWERS, HERE I AM... IN A SECRET HIDEOUT... DONNING A COSTUME TO KEEP MY IDENTITY SECRET AS A CRIME-FIGHTER...
BUDDY BOY! YOU IN THERE?
ROGER DENNING... MY CLOSEST FRIEND... AND THE ONLY PERSON I HAD DECIDED TO INFORM ABOUT MY PLANS! MY APPEARANCE STARTLED HIM..
HEY.. WHAT'S WITH THE COSTUME, PAL? AND THIS CAVE... WHY DID YOU WANT ME TO MEET YOU HERE?
I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO TELL YOU, ROGER! BETTER SIT DOWN... IT'S A SHOCKER!
MY STORY SURE GOT A RISE OUT OF ROGER.
A-A COSTUMED CRIME-FIGHTER... WITH YOUR ANIMAL POWERS! BROTHER-- HAVE YOU FLIPPED! WHAT ABOUT ELLEN... YOUR FIANCÉE? YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE GETTING MARRIED, REMEMBER?
I-I KNOW
BUT WITH THESE FANTASTIC POWERS, IT'S MY DUTY TO UTILIZE THEM IN SOME WAY TO HELP MANKIND! AND IT... IT WOULDN'T BE FAIR TO ELLEN TO MARRY HER... WITH MY LIFE IN CONSTANT DANGER...
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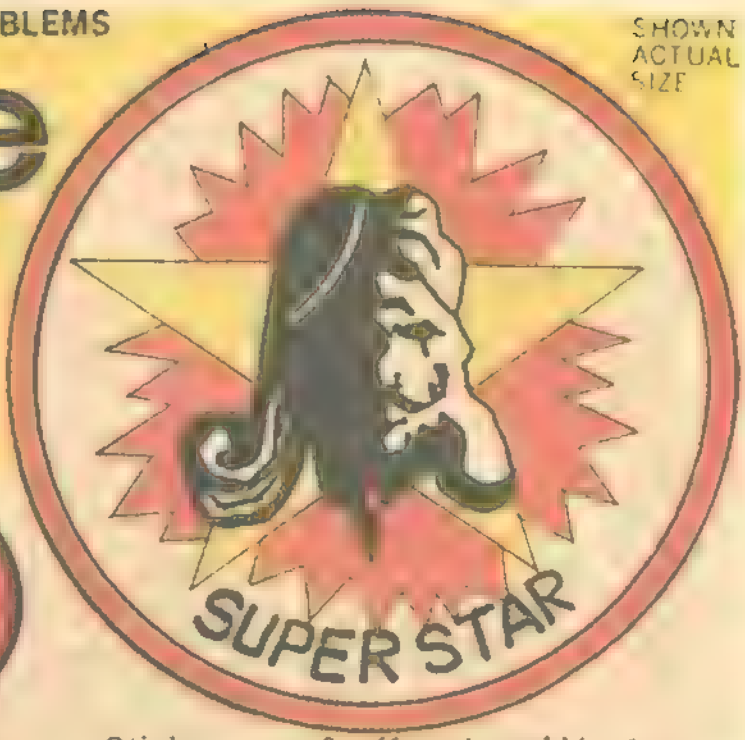

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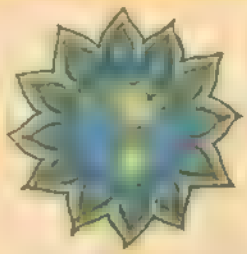

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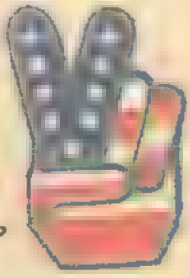

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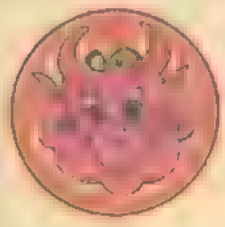

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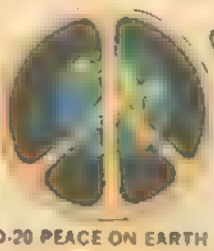

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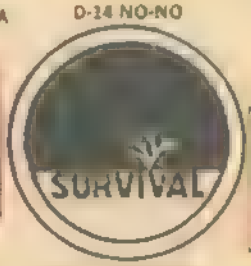

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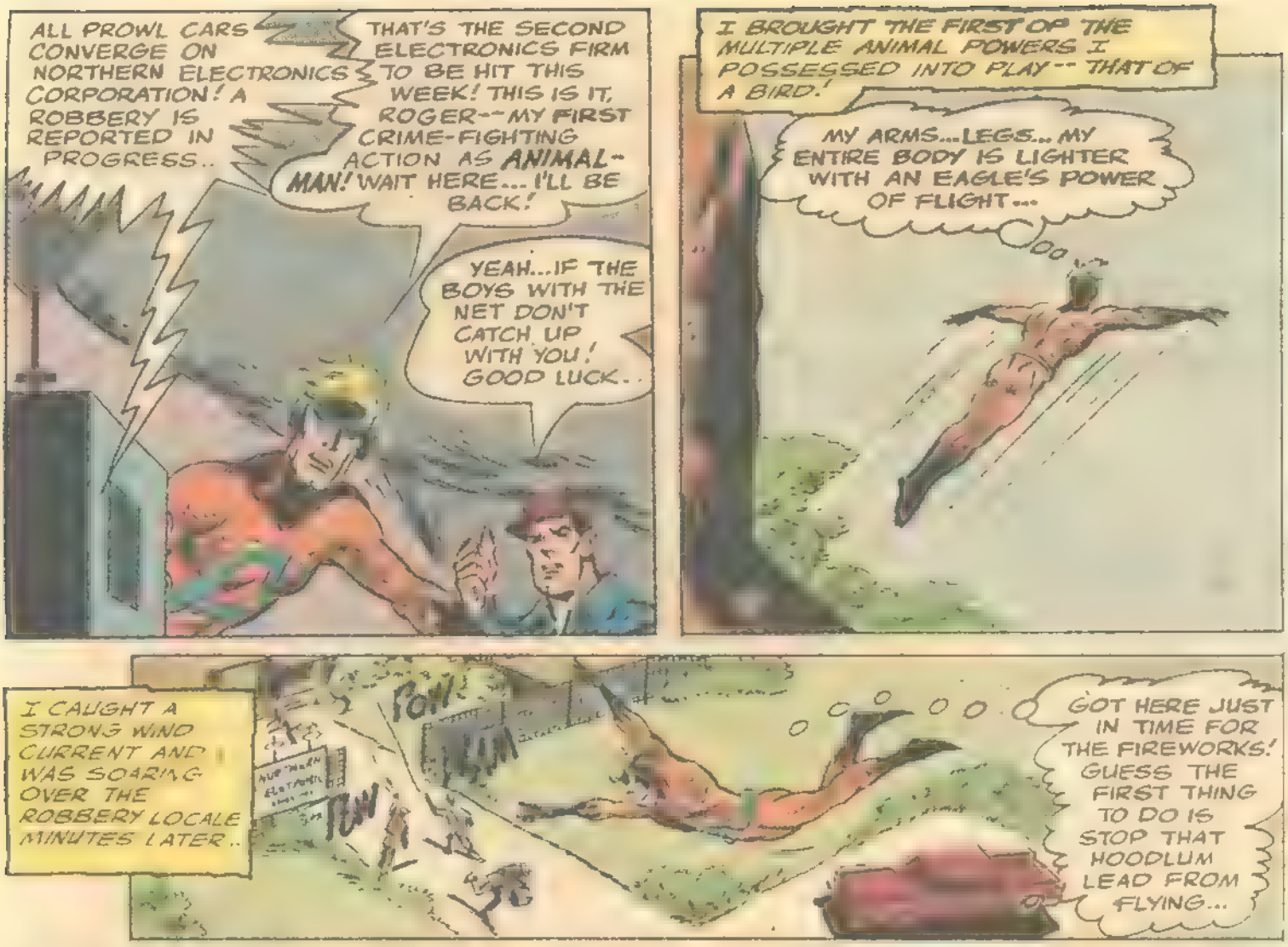
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THAT'S THE SECOND ELECTRONICS FIRM TO BE HIT THIS WEEK! THIS IS IT, ROGER-- MY FIRST CRIME-FIGHTING ACTION AS ANIMAL-MAN! WAIT HERE... I'LL BE BACK!
YEAH...IF THE BOYS WITH THE NET DON'T CATCH UP WITH YOU! GOOD LUCK..
I BROUGHT THE FIRST OF THE MULTIPLE ANIMAL POWERS I POSSESSED INTO PLAY -- THAT OF A BIRD!
MY ARMS...LEGS... MY ENTIRE BODY IS LIGHTER WITH AN EAGLE'S POWER OF FLIGHT...

I CAUGHT A STRONG WIND CURRENT AND WAS SOARING OVER THE ROBBERY LOCALE MINUTES LATER..
POW!
GOT HERE JUST IN TIME FOR THE FIREWORKS! GUESS THE FIRST THING TO DO IS STOP THAT HOODLUM LEAD FROM FLYING...

I WENT INTO A DIVE -- PULLED OUT JUST ABOVE THE GROUND AND..
H-HUH?
THERE'S ONE GUN OUT OF ACTION...
THAT TAKES CARE OF THE HOOD ARTILLERY! NOW TO MOP UP WITH MY GORILLA POWERS...

HE FELT LIKE A SCARECROW IN MY POWERFUL GORILLA GRASP -- I WHIPPED HIM OFF THE GROUND AND..
AND A-W-A-Y YOU GO...
LOOK OUT, GRABO!
NOW TO MOVE IN FOR THE "KILL" --WRAP THIS TRIO UP FOR THE POLICE...
THAT'S WHEN IT HIT ME -- OR SHOULD I SAY... LEFT ME...
MY POWERS... I CAN FEEL THEM DRAINING FROM MY BODY... LOSING ALL MY TIGER SPRING... ANIMAL SPEED... STRENGTH...
LOOKIT, BOSS! SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH THAT A-MAN CHARACTER... HE'S FLOPPED ON HIS FACE...
C'MON, JOEY! LET'S WORK THIS CRIME-FIGHTIN' WISE GUY OVER.. BUT GOOD!
SUDDENLY, THAT FAMILIAR BIRD-LIKE FEELING SHOT THROUGH MY BODY! INSTINCTIVELY, I KICKED OFF THE GROUND AND...
A-MAN WAS PLAYIN' POSSUM! HE'S... FLYING OFF...
OOOO
THAT'S STRANGE... WHY DID I SUDDENLY REGAIN MY FLIGHT POWERS?

THEN, I SPOTTED HIM -- MY FINE-FEATHERED FRIEND..
THAT PASSING PIGEON . I ASSUMED ITS POWERS WHEN IT CAME WITHIN RANGE. THANKS, PAL... I DON'T FEEL ANY OF MY OTHER POWERS, BUT NOW THAT I'VE GOT "WINGS" AGAIN, I CAN DEAL WITH THE GANG...
I TOOK A QUICK LOOK AROUND AND WENT INTO A DIVE..
THIS TARPAULIN IS JUST WHAT I NEED!
THEN, I WENT INTO A STEEP BANK, AND..
THAT SHOULD BOG THOSE TWO DOWN UNTIL THE POLICE ARRIVE! NOW TO COLLAR THEIR BOSS...
SUDDENLY, I RAN OUT OF STEAM -- OUT OF FLIGHT SPEED
OH, OH... MY FLYING ABILITY'S WANING! OF COURSE -- I WASN'T EXPOSED TO THAT PIGEON LONG ENOUGH... ONLY ASSUMED BRIEF FLIGHT POWER...
SUDDENLY, I WAS JUST "JOE AVERAGE" AGAIN -- AND
TOUCHDOWN! STILL IN ONE PIECE... BUT NOT A CHANCE OF CATCHING UP WITH THAT ESCAPING GANG BOSS... HE'S GOT TOO MUCH OF A JUMP ON ME!

I SPOTTED IT A SHORT TIME LATER... WHILE THE POLICE WERE ARRESTING THE TWO TRAPPED CRIMINALS...
THEIR BOSS' HAT!... THIS IS THE ONLY LEAD I'VE GOT TO HIM! NOT MUCH... WAIT A SEC! WITH MY ANIMAL POWERS, THIS LEAD'S A BONANZA!
I HURRIED BACK TO THE CAVE WHERE...
SURE, MY DOG'S A PEDIGREED BLOOD-HOUND! BUDDY... ARE YOU OKAY?
ON THE BALL, ROGER! C'MON... I'VE GOT TO GET TOGETHER WITH YOUR PET-- AND FAST!
A SHORT TIME LATER, I WAS FACE TO FACE WITH THE DOG...
WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING, PAL?
ACQUIRING THE DOG'S BLOODHOUND POWERS, ROGER! YOU SEE, EVEN THOUGH I CAN'T RETAIN ANIMAL POWERS INDEFINITELY, I STILL HAVE THE ABILITY TO GET SUCH POWERS...
HEY! WHERE ARE YOU BOLTING OFF TO NOW?
I'M GOING TO SNIFF OUT GANG BOSS GRABO'S TRAIL AND TRACK HIM DOWN! SEE YOU LATER...
I RETURNED TO THE ROBBERY SCENE AND BROUGHT MY BLOODHOUND POWERS INTO PLAY...
SNIFF SNIFF
AH.. I'VE PICKED UP HIS SCENT! NOW TO SEE WHERE IT LEADS ME...
AS I TRACKED GRABO THROUGH THE WOODS, I CAME UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ANOTHER ANIMAL! IT PROVED MIGHTY HANDY...
SNIFF SNIFF
I'VE COME CLOSE ENOUGH TO THAT RABBIT TO GET ITS HOPPING POWERS! THIS WILL SPEED THINGS UP...
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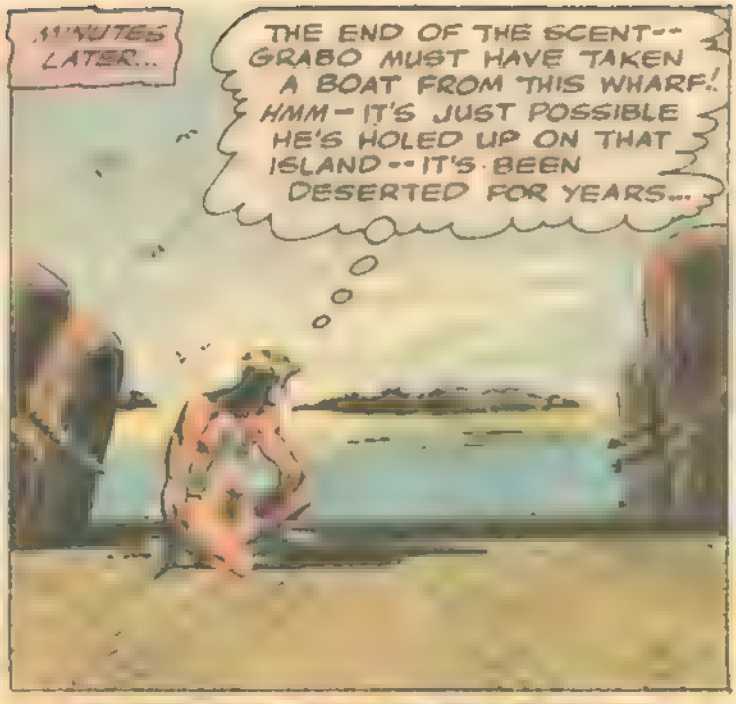
THE TRAIL LED RIGHT THROUGH A COASTAL TOWN WHERE MY BIZARRE APPEARANCE REALLY SHOOK UP THE PEOPLE...
JUMPIN' JELLYFISH! IT'S HIM--A-MAN... THE COSTUMED FELLER THAT CAPTURED THOSE CRIMINALS WE HEARD ABOUT!
WHAT'S HE UP TO....?


MINUTES LATER...
THE END OF THE SCENT-- GRABO MUST HAVE TAKEN A BOAT FROM THIS WHARF! HMM-IT'S JUST POSSIBLE HE'S HOLED UP ON THAT ISLAND--IT'S BEEN DESERTED FOR YEARS...

I SPOTTED MY PREY BENEATH THE SURFACE MOMENTS LATER..
THERE'S MY BOY--A POWERFUL TUNA FISH! AHH...I CAN FEEL MY ENTIRE BODY ASSUMING ITS SWIMMING ABILITY...
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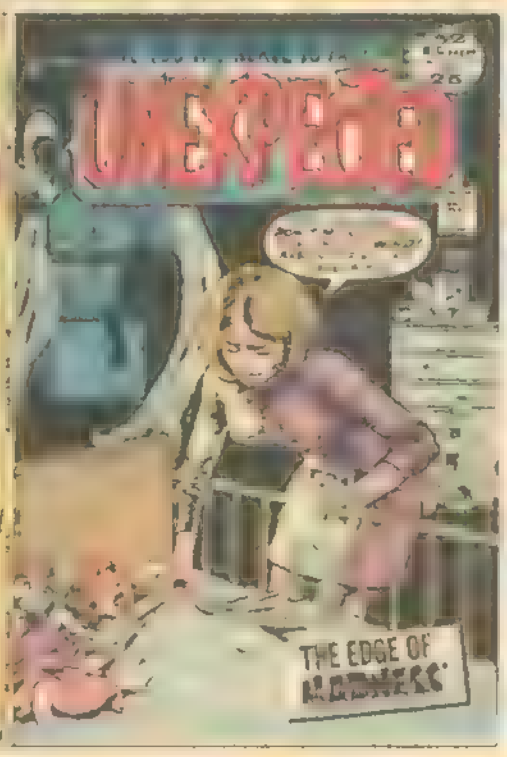

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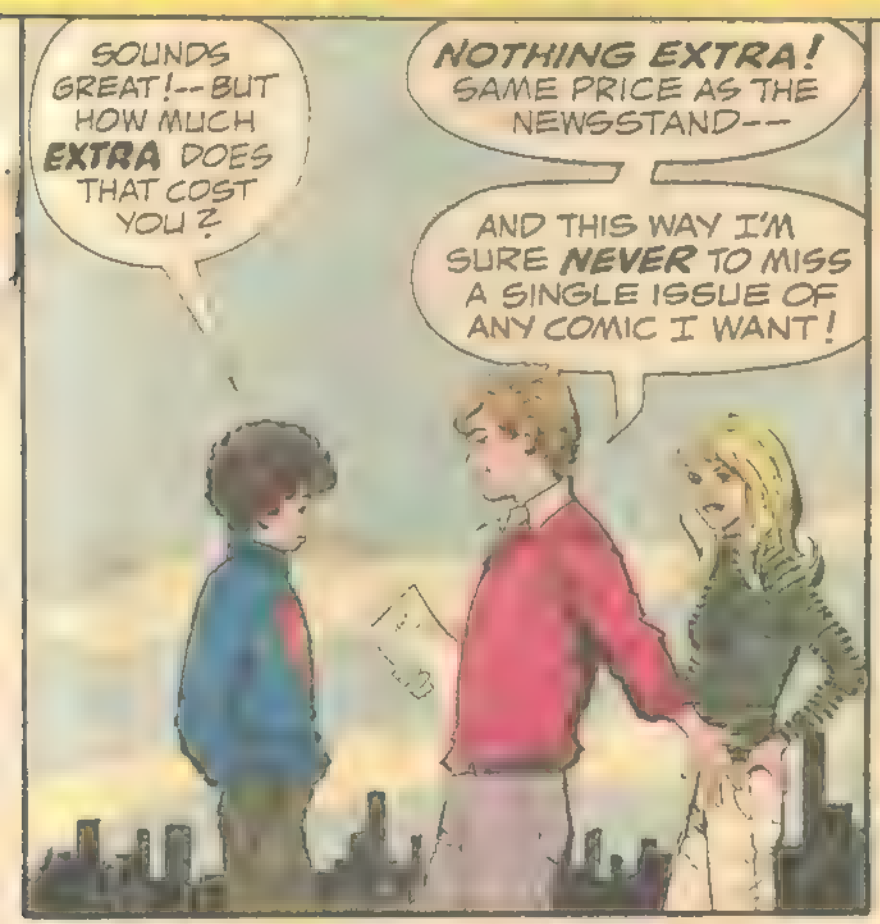
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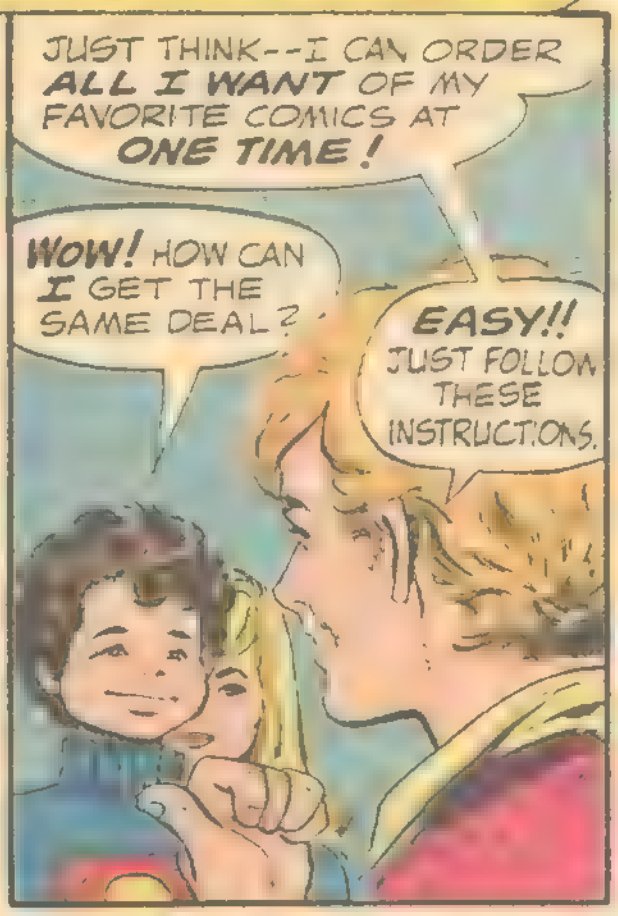
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WOW! I'M REALLY MOVING... AND LIKE A FISH, I'M TAKING IN MY OXYGEN SUPPLY FROM THE WATER ITSELF..
A SHORT TIME LATER, AS I FISH-JUMPED TO THE ISLAND BEACH.
HUH? IF I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER, I'D SAY THAT SOUNDED LIKE A LION! SOMETHING FISHY ON THIS ISLAND...
ROAR
I STARTED INLAND-- BUT I DIDN'T GET VERY FAR! ABOUT THIRTY PACES LATER..
YIII! MY LEG!! I'VE... TRIPPED A TRAP! AND IT SOUNDED AN ALARM! GRABO MUST BE HERE-- ALL SET FOR INTRUDERS!
KRANG
KAWAF
CAN'T SPRING IT FREE... NEED HELP! HMM... THAT ROAR I HEARD... IT'S RISKY, BUT IF IT WAS A LION, I COULD USE HIS STRENGTH BEFORE GRABO GETS HERE!
I GAVE OUT WITH A LION'S MATING CALL... ONE OF THE MANY ANIMAL SOUNDS THAT I HAD MASTERED! IT DIDN'T TAKE LEO LONG TO RESPOND
THAT'S IT, PAL... I'M PICKING UP YOUR STRENGTH POWERS NOW... HOLD STILL, BABY...
BUT AS MY HANDS GRIPPED THE TRAP...
I HOPE I'VE DRAWN ENOUGH OF THE BEAST'S STRENGTH TO SPRING THIS THING... OR I'M FINISHED!
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I GAVE IT ALL I HAD-- AND THEN...
WHEW! THAT WAS WHISKER CLOSE! NOW TO GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE LEO REGAINS HIS FEET AND MAKES ANOTHER PASS...
THAT'S WHEN THE AIR BECAME FULL OF SOUNDS-- FLYING LEAD! AND THEY ALL HAD MY NAME ON IT.
YOU FOOLS! YOU COULDN'T HIT THE SIDE OF A BARN DOOR! I'LL COMMAND THE LION TO FINISH A-MAN OFF...
BZZZZ
HUH? GRABO HAS SOME KIND OF ELECTRONIC DEVICE THAT SENDS OUT TELEPATHIC SIGNALS!
LEO'S ONE SPRING AWAY FROM PUTTING ME SIX FEET UNDER... THIS IS MY ONLY CHANCE...
BULL'S-EYE!
A-MAN'S KNOCKED MY LION OUT OF ACTION! AFTER HIM... SHOOT HIM DOWN!
I PUT THE LION POWERS I STILL RETAINED INTO PLAY--AND A FEW LEAPS AND BOUNDS LATER...
WILD ANIMALS... GATHERED ABOUT A WATER HOLE! GRABO'S MADE THE ISLAND INTO A JUNGLE AND STOCKED IT WITH DANGEROUS BEASTS!

THEN, AS I GAZED ABOUT..
A STOCKADE.. HMM... IT HAS TO BE GRABO'S HQ! I'VE GOT TO GET INTO THAT PLACE... LEARN MORE ABOUT HIS OPERATIONS!
LION-LIKE, I TOOK OFF-- AND A FEW DOZEN BOUNDS LATER...
THE PLACE IS SURROUNDED WITH CAMOUFLAGED TRAPS -- GOOD THING I CAN LEAP OVER THEM!
AN INSTANT LATER, ATOP THE STOCKADE WALL
MORE ELECTRONIC MACHINES! THAT'S WHY GRABO'S BEEN STEALING ALL THAT EQUIPMENT! THAT CRACKPOT MUST HAVE STUMBLED ON A SOUND FREQUIENCY TO GIVE TELEPATHIC COMMANDS TO ANIMALS, AND HE'S PLANNING ON HARNESSING THEIR POWERS TO COMMIT CRIMES ON THE MAINLAND...
...AN ANIMAL GANG! I'VE REALLY GOT TO STOP THIS GUY--BUT FAST! AND THOSE MACHINES HAVE GIVEN ME AN IDEA...
I SNATCHED ONE OF THE MACHINES AND LEAPED BACK TO THE WALL, WHEN IT HIT ME
MY LION POWERS... EBBING FAST! WHAT AM I GOING TO DO NOW?

THEN MY EYES CAUGHT THE LITTLE CHARACTER--PERCHED ON A NEARBY TREE LIMB
A CHIMP... I COULDN'T HAVE ORDERED UP A BETTER LITTLE BEAST TO CARRY OUT MY PLAN! AND HE'S CLOSE ENOUGH FOR ME TO ACQUIRE HIS POWERS!
CHEEP! CHEEP!
SECONDS LATER, I WAS TREE-BORNE. AND A FEW SWINGS LATER..
THERE THEY ARE... SEARCHING FOR ME! FIRST THING IS TO DISARM GRABO--GET THAT MACHINE AWAY FROM HIM! I'LL NEED A WEAPON FOR THAT--AND I KNOW JUST THE THING...
WITH MY CHIMP POWERS, I SWUNG TO WITHIN RANGE OF GRABO AND
HE'S SMASHED MY ANIMAL CONTROL BOX WITH A COCONUT! SHOOT HIM DOWN!
NOW IF I CAN ONLY DUCK THEIR LEAD LONG ENOUGH TO PULL MY LITTLE PLAN OFF...
I WHIPPED THE ELECTRONIC BOX AS GRABBED INTO FIRING POSITION--HIT THE DALE AND..
SPLIT SECONDS LATER.
A-MAN'S STOLEN ONE OF THE OTHER CONTROL BOXES. AND IS DIRECTING THAT RHINO TO ATTACK US! TO THE STOCKADE... IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE OF ESCAPING THE BEAST.
ARE THEY IN FOR A SURPRISE
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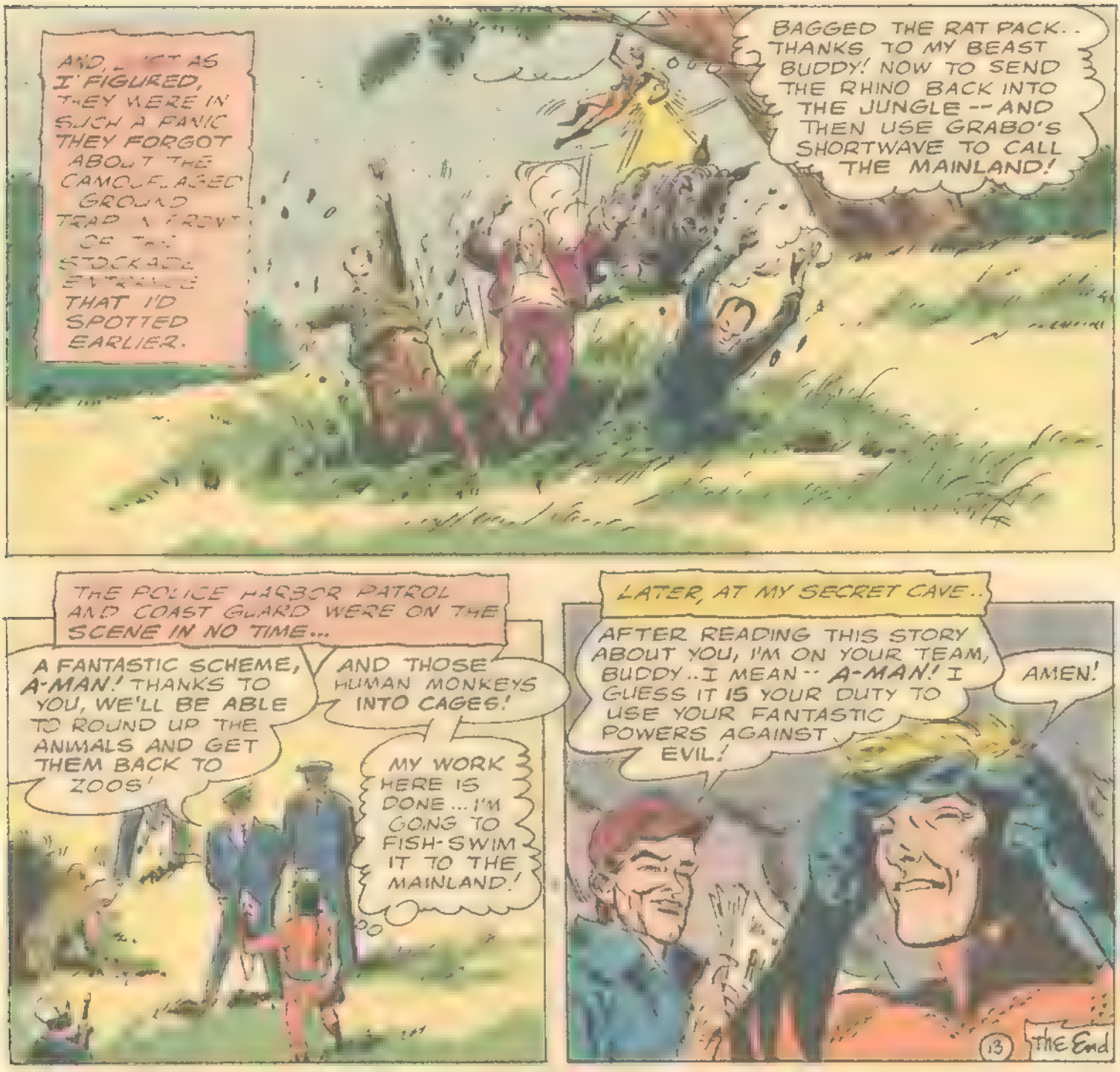
AND, AS IT WAS I FIGURED, THEY WERE IN SUCH A PANIC THEY FORGOT ABOUT THE CAMOUFLAGED GROUND TRAP IN FRONT OF THE STOCKADE ENTRANCE THAT I'D SPOTTED EARLIER.
BAGGED THE RAT PACK.. THANKS TO MY BEAST BUDDY! NOW TO SEND THE RHINO BACK INTO THE JUNGLE -- AND THEN USE GRABO'S SHORTWAVE TO CALL THE MAINLAND!
THE POLICE HARBOR PATROL AND COAST GUARD WERE ON THE SCENE IN NO TIME...
A FANTASTIC SCHEME, A-MAN! THANKS TO YOU, WE'LL BE ABLE TO ROUND UP THE ANIMALS AND GET THEM BACK TO ZOOS!
AND THOSE HUMAN MONKEYS INTO CAGES!
MY WORK HERE IS DONE... I'M GOING TO FISH-SWIM IT TO THE MAINLAND!
LATER, AT MY SECRET CAVE..
AFTER READING THIS STORY ABOUT YOU, I'M ON YOUR TEAM, BUDDY.. I MEAN -- A-MAN! I GUESS IT IS YOUR DUTY TO USE YOUR FANTASTIC POWERS AGAINST EVIL!
AMEN!
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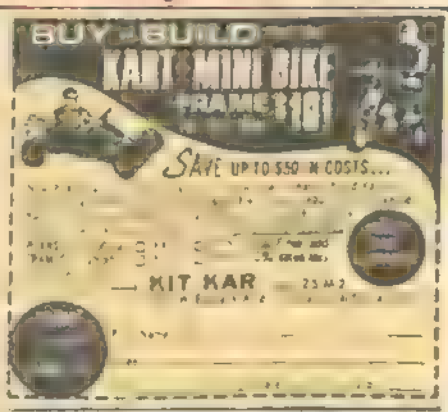

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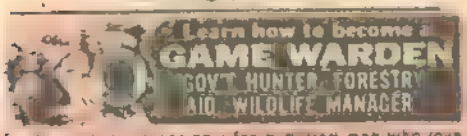

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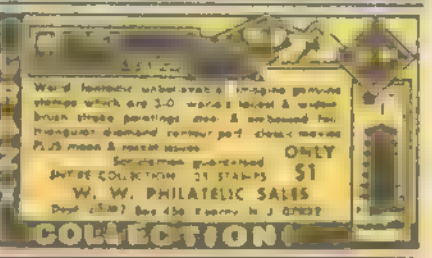

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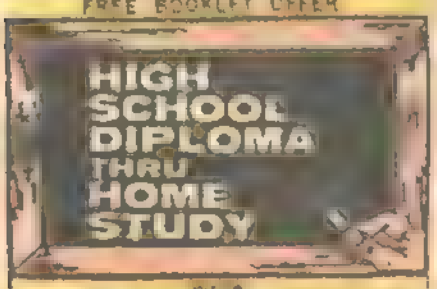

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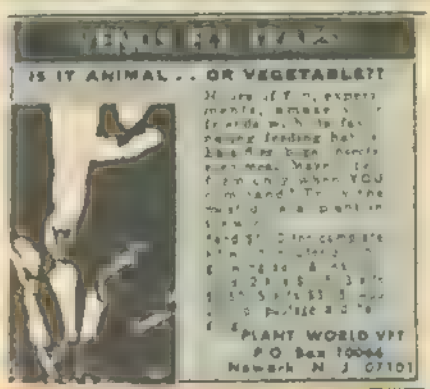

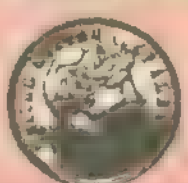

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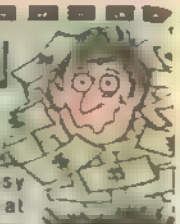

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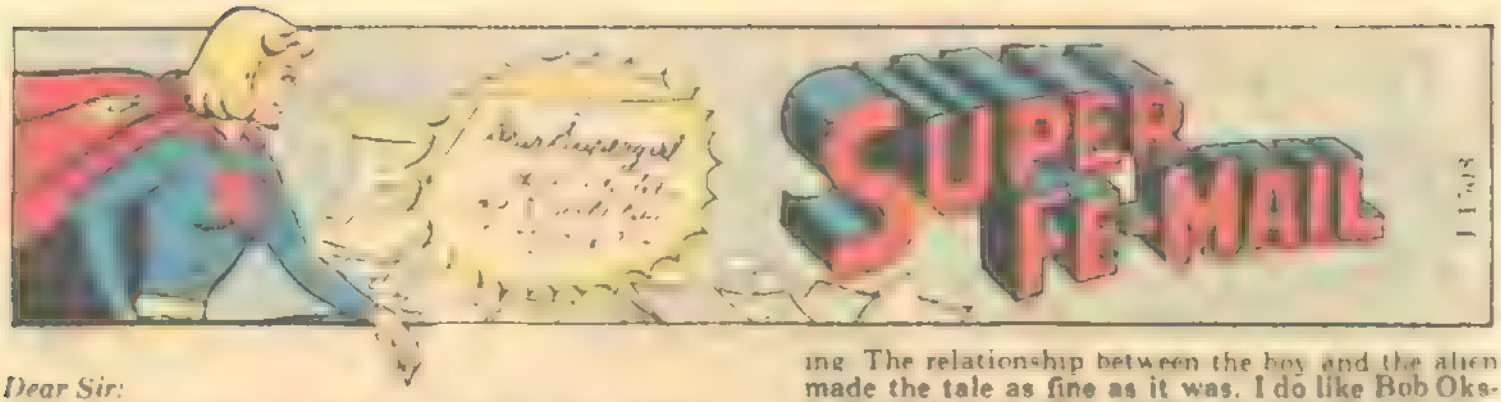

Dear Sir:

Your first issue as editor of a super-hero comic (*Adventure* #410) was not the spectacular sensation I had hoped for. Your choice of writer and artist were not the ones I had hoped to see. I wanted a super-writer like Denny O'Neil or Len Wein, both of whom have done so much to upgrade the super-hero strip with their writing. I'm not saying that John Albano is not a competent writer, but O'Neil and Wein can combine action, suspense and adventure into a mature strip that will keep the attention of both young and older readers. The stories in *Adventure* #410 were dull in comparison with recent *Superman*, *Batman* and *Green Lantern* stories. True, the *Supergirl* tales were as good as some in other comics, but from the fact that you, Joe Orlando, are editing the best supernatural-mystery comics now selling, one would expect that superb editing to carry over into your super-hero comic. Let's have some full-length, or even some continued stories, involving *Supergirl* and her problems completely, in a mature fashion, not these piecemeal, unrelated stories you gave us in your first issue.

As for Bob Oksner's art—I've always admired his work, and his *Angel and the Ape* was an hilarious comical comic. I was wondering what his serious art looked like, since he was a super-hero artist from the Golden Age. Unfortunately, his *Supergirl* still has that humorous style of *Angel* in it in some panels. Also, Vince Colletta's inks aren't suited to Bob's panels. Not that Vince is a bad inker, but his style doesn't help Oksner's pencils. Murphy Anderson, Wally Wood, Tony DeZuniga, Joe Giella, or Nick Cardy would be better suited for the job. Of course, I'd rather see Anderson, Wood, Cardy, DeZuniga, or Rich Buckler pencilling the strip . . . they could provide it with a realism that would greatly enhance the story. They have a more dramatic, serious style, typical of the new awareness that comic books can be an art, rather than just entertainment. Jim Aparo and Dick Giordano also belong to this class of DC artists.

So now that you know who I want to see writing and drawing the strip, I hope to see some changes in the future! Still, it was a good first effort, and I hope your good taste in editing continues.

Daniel Y. Louie, Baldwin, N.Y.

(Thanks for the vote of confidence at the end. However, we feel that, while comics are an art form, they must primarily be done for entertainment. Some very good artwork has gone unsung because the mags it appeared in failed to catch the readers' attention. So far, response to the new Supergirl *has gone contrary to your ideas. We currently have Len Wein do scripts for us as well as Denny O'Neil, Steve Skeates and several other writers, whose stories you'll be seeing in forthcoming issues. And we feel Bob Oskner is the artist for* Supergirl. *He won the* Academy of Comic Book Arts' *1970* Shazam *award as best pencil artist in the* humor *division. We wouldn't be a bit surprised if he were a top contender in the* dramatic *field next time.*

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Dear E.N.B.:

"The New *Adventure* editor, Joe Orlando, gives his word to put in those credits, so you readers will know whom to praise—or blame, as the case may be!"—E. Nelson Bridwell, *Adventure* #410.

"The Alien Among Us" was a nice story. It was exciting and interesting, with a rather poignant ending. The relationship between the boy and the alien made the tale as fine as it was. I do like Bob Oksner's work, and Vince Colletta's inks do him justice. Whoever the writer is, congratulate him for me.

Gerard Trimo, Elmont, N.Y.

(Oops! In the rush to get the book out, we completely overlooked the credits. For the record, here they are: Writer: John Albano; Artist: Bob Oksner.)

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Dear Editor:

Normally, I don't go for stories that are based on old, over-used plots, but there was something about "The Alien Among Us" that made me enjoy it, even though the ending was telegraphed way in advance. Also, the introduction of the characters who do not want *Supergirl* interfering with their efforts, was good and should be used again. (Though those remarks in the last panel on page 10 may get the Women's Lib ladies after you!)

Finally about the artwork. *Supergirl* looks like *Angel* of the now-defunct *Angel and the Ape*, and therefore lacks a certain touch to make her look real. This is strange, because none of the rest of the characters in the story have that problem. Perhaps the artist could do something to correct this.

Bob Rozakis, Elmont, N.Y.

(Bob's getting more and more into the action—suing of the Supergirl *tales as last issue's "Vortex" and this issue's "Death's Head" tales demonstrate. As for the "Women's Lib ladies"—we refer you to the next letter!)*

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Dear Joe

You've gotta be kidding! You and your male subservients dress the most powerful female on Earth in a leggy costume with hot pants and a low-cut blouse that fits like no blouse at all, and then you've got the gall to even infer Women's Lib in your mag! I am referring to page 10 of the October *Adventure Comics*.

"I've never believed a female should be doing man's work, anyway!" "Absolutely! A woman flying around in a stupid costume . . . fighting crime? Ridiculous!" the men said. And *Supergirl* says nothing in her own defense! She's as bad as they are, she who is drawn and garbed like a sex object to please the male chauvinists who plunk down a quarter every month to see a sexy female. Just like the zoo, huh? Come one, come all! Feast your eyes on the sexy blonde!

Perhaps you put in the male superiority bit to please us females, who run into this prejudice daily. Trying to compromise, huh? Joe, a mag that's 75% male chauvinism and 25% Women's Lib isn't gonna work. By 25% I mean that fighting crime, a largely male pastime, is stepping out of the limits male society has restricted us to. This mag has gotta be either 100% chauvinism or 100% Women's Lib. The present combination, as I've already pointed out, is frightful. I hope you see my point.

Margie Spears, Ambler, Pa.

(The only thing about this magazine that has to be 100% *is the ENTERTAINMENT (and try as we may, we know we can never be* 100% *entertaining to* 100% *of our readership, but we keep trying. As for the "male superiority bit"—Has it occurred to you that the reason Supergirl* did not condescend to reply to those asinine statements is because she knows *she's NOT inferior!)*

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SWEAT RUNS IN RIVULETS DOWN THE FACES OF THE MEN IN THE BLOCKHOUSE AS THE GREAT SILVER MISSILE HURTLES TOWARD THE STAR-FLECKED SKY, RISING HEAVEN-WARD ON ITS TAIL OF SMOKING FLAME...
MINUTES LATER, INSIDE THE OVERHEATED CONCRETE STRUCTURE...
PERFECT LIFT-OFF! TRAJECTORY IN ORDER! IN THREE MINUTES, THE SATELLITE WILL ESTABLISH EARTH ORBIT!
WELL, WHADDAYA EXPECT, PAL? THE SKY-BUGGY SURE COST ME ENOUGH!
ONCE THAT GIZMO'S SET UP IN SPACE, AMERICA'S GOT IT MADE! JUST LET ANY COMMIE CRUD ATTEMPT A SNEAK ATTACK ON THIS COUNTRY--AND IT'LL TRIGGER ATOMIC DEVICES ON THE SATELLITE THAT'D MAKE YOUR HEAD SPIN!
WALT, HAVE YOU SEEN KYLE? I CAN'T FIND HIM ANY-WHERE!
KYLE? THAT FANATIC? HE WAS HERE BEFORE THE LAUNCH --HE MUST STILL BE HERE!
CRAZY LUNATIC--NEVER WOULD'A KEPT HIM AROUND IF HE HADN'T DESIGNED THAT SPACE-BALL! IF HE... OH, NO!
IF HE FINDS SOME WAY TO CONTROL THE GIZMO, HE COULD...
THE SATELLITE IS IN ORBIT, WALT!
AND IN THAT COMPLEX MECHANISM, ORBITING ENDLESSLY ABOVE THE EMERALD EARTH-- A SHADOW MOVES...

A SHORT TIME LATER, A FAMILIAR BLUE-AND-RED FEMALE FORM STREAKS THROUGH STAR-DAPPLED SPACE, HER MIND FILLED WITH THOUGHTS ALL BUT UNKNOWN TO OTHERS OF THE FAIR SEX--FOR THIS IS NO ORDINARY MAID--THIS IS THE AMAZING...
SUPERGIRL
THE STORY OF MY LIFE--NO SOONER DO I RETURN TO EARTH THAN I'M BACK IN SPACE AGAIN! BARELY HAD TIME TO CHANGE MY COSTUME!
BETTER CHECK OUT THIS UNMARKED SATELLITE QUICKLY--THEN HEAD HOME! I STILL HAVE TO EXPLAIN WHY LINDA DANVERS WAS KIDNAPPED BY SPACEMEN!
LIKE A DEATH'S-HEAD IN THE SKY!
LEN WEIN - WRITER
BOB OKSNER - ARTIST
STRANGE DEVICE--NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT BEFORE...WHAT--?
THE SATELLITE'S FIRING AN ATOMIC MISSILE--AND IT'S HEADING FOR EARTH!
IF THAT THING HITS THE COUNTRY IT'S AIMED AT--WE'LL BE INSTANTS AWAY FROM WORLD WAR III!
I'VE GOT TO STOP IT!
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WITH BREATH-TAKING SPEED, THE GIRL OF STEEL OVERTAKES THE HURTLING HERALD OF DEATH--BUT..
HUH? THE MISSILE'S TICKING! IT HAS AN INTERNAL TIMING MECHANISM ONLY SECONDS AWAY FROM DETONATION!
I'VE GOT TO GET RID OF IT BEFORE IT SPREADS RADIATION ALL OVER THE PLACE!
--AND THE ONLY SPOT SAFE ENOUGH IS THE BOUNDLESS DEPTHS OF--SPACE!
PROPELLED BY SUPERGIRL'S EXTRAORDINARY MUSCLES THE SLEEK SILVER ARROW SOARS FROM EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE AND INTO THE EBONY EXPANSE BEYOND--WHERE
MADE IT--WITH NOT A MOMENT TO SPARE!
NOW I WANT TO FIND OUT WHAT THAT ORBITING MURDER-MACHINE IS DOING UP HERE! NO GOVERNMENT ON EARTH WOULD PUT ANYTHING AS MENACING AS THAT INTO THE SKY!
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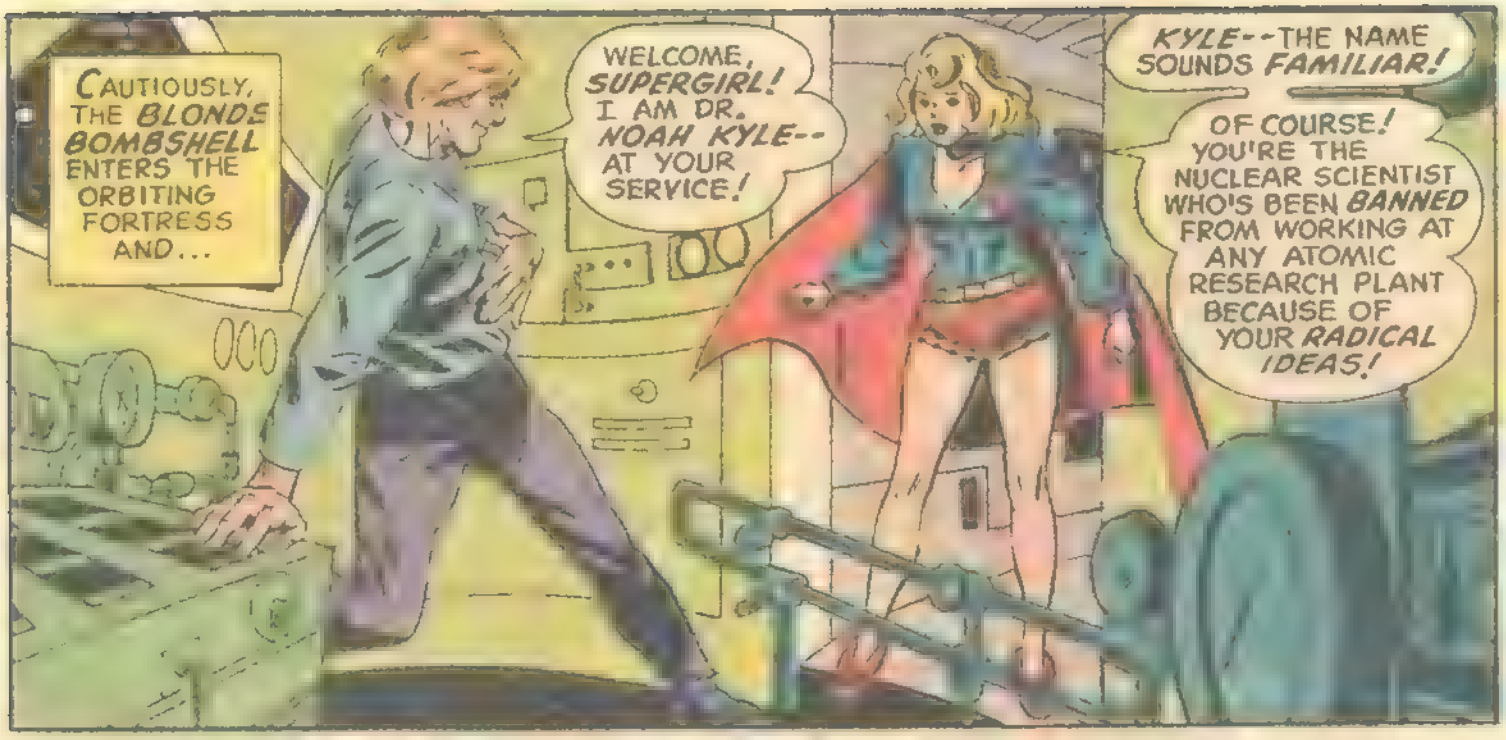
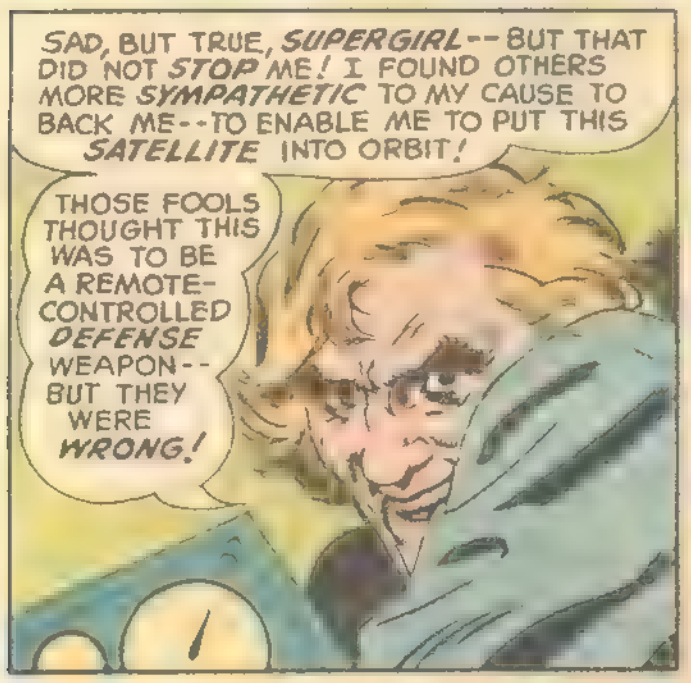
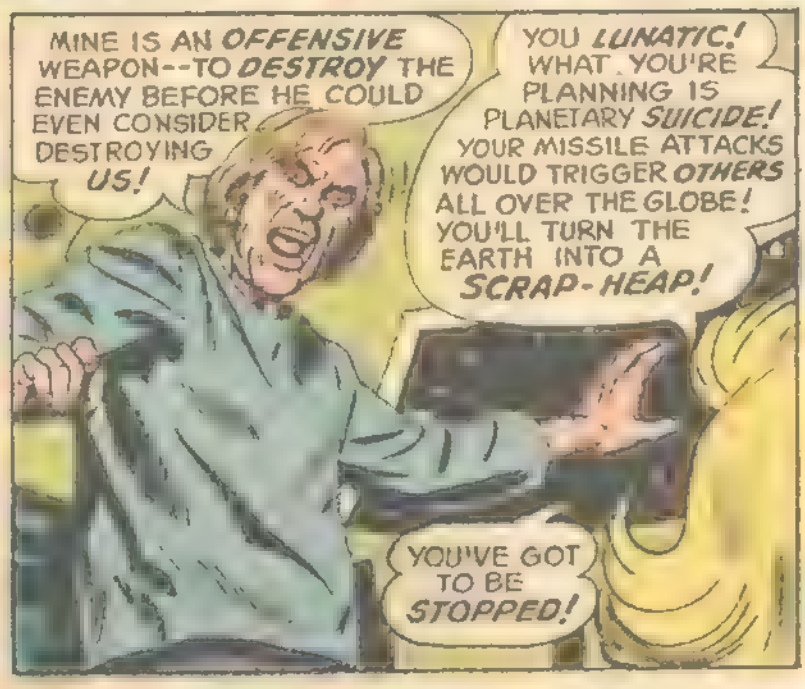
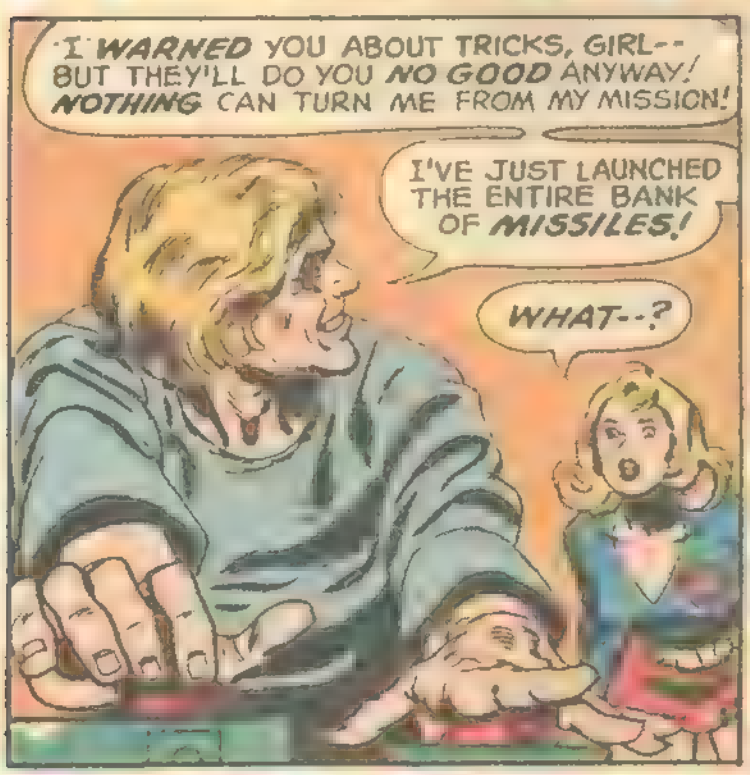
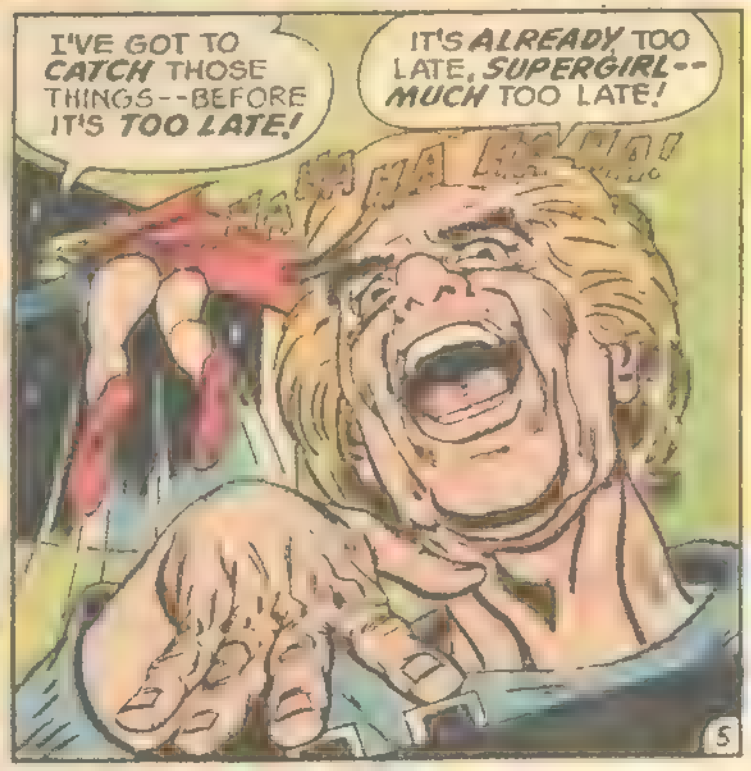
BUT AS THE MAID OF MIGHT CLOSES IN ON THE SATELLITE...
PERSISTENT LITTLE DEVIL, ISN'T IT? WHAT SORT OF GOODIE IS IT PREPARING FOR ME NOW?
THERE IS A RIPPLE OF POWER AND...
—ADVANCED LASER ENERGY! WHOEVER PUT THIS DEATH-TRAP UP HERE ISN'T JUST FOOLING AROUND! THEY'RE GOING FOR THE BIG-TIME!
WELL, I'D BETTER DESTROY IT NOW-- AND ASK QUESTIONS LATER! I'LL...
HUH?
HALT, SUPERGIRL! DON'T COME ANY FURTHER!
WELL, YOU'VE GOT A VOICE! HOW CONVENIENT! ARE YOU REAL--OR IS THIS A RECORDING?
I AM QUITE REAL, SUPERGIRL-- FRAIL FLESH AND BLOOD LIKE YOU-- AND THOSE OTHER POOR FOOLS SPINNING HELPLESSLY BELOW US! THOSE HAPLESS VICTIMS I AM TRYING TO HELP!
YOU'RE GOING TO "HELP" THEM INTO AN EARLY GRAVE!
LOOK, THIS ISN'T GETTING US ANYWHERE! IF YOU REALLY ARE IN THERE, LET ME IN! WE'LL TALK! MAYBE WE CAN WORK OUT OUR DIFFERENCES!
BUT I..! OH, ALL RIGHT! YOU MAY ENTER-- BUT I'LL BE WATCHING FOR ANY TRICKS!


CAUTIOUSLY, THE BLONDE BOMBSHELL ENTERS THE ORBITING FORTRESS AND...
WELCOME, SUPERGIRL! I AM DR. NOAH KYLE--AT YOUR SERVICE!
KYLE--THE NAME SOUNDS FAMILIAR!
OF COURSE! YOU'RE THE NUCLEAR SCIENTIST WHO'S BEEN BANNED FROM WORKING AT ANY ATOMIC RESEARCH PLANT BECAUSE OF YOUR RADICAL IDEAS!


SAD, BUT TRUE, SUPERGIRL--BUT THAT DID NOT STOP ME! I FOUND OTHERS MORE SYMPATHETIC TO MY CAUSE TO BACK ME--TO ENABLE ME TO PUT THIS SATELLITE INTO ORBIT!
THOSE FOOLS THOUGHT THIS WAS TO BE A REMOTE-CONTROLLED DEFENSE WEAPON--BUT THEY WERE WRONG!


MINE IS AN OFFENSIVE WEAPON--TO DESTROY THE ENEMY BEFORE HE COULD EVEN CONSIDER DESTROYING US!
YOU LUNATIC! WHAT YOU'RE PLANNING IS PLANETARY SUICIDE! YOUR MISSILE ATTACKS WOULD TRIGGER OTHERS ALL OVER THE GLOBE! YOU'LL TURN THE EARTH INTO A SCRAP-HEAP!
YOU'VE GOT TO BE STOPPED!


I WARNED YOU ABOUT TRICKS, GIRL--BUT THEY'LL DO YOU NO GOOD ANYWAY! NOTHING CAN TURN ME FROM MY MISSION!
I'VE JUST LAUNCHED THE ENTIRE BANK OF MISSILES!
WHAT--?


I'VE GOT TO CATCH THOSE THINGS--BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!
IT'S ALREADY TOO LATE, SUPERGIRL--MUCH TOO LATE!

AS THE PRINCESS OF POWER HURTLES IN PURSUIT OF THE RAMPAGING MISSILE...
OH, NO--THEY'RE SPLITTING UP--EACH OF THEM HEADING FOR A DIFFERENT TARGET! I'VE GOT TO... HUH?
KKRAAK!! AKK'T!
SOMETHING'S GONE WRONG WITH KYLE'S SATELLITE! ITS ORBIT HAS BEGUN TO DECAY! IF I DON'T SAVE HIM NOW, KYLE IS DOOMED!
BUT IF I DO SAVE HIM, THE EARTH IS DOOMED, INSTEAD!
FOR THE BRIEFEST OF INSTANTS, SUPERGIRL PONDERS AND THEN...
SORRY, KYLE--BUT YOU MADE MY DECISION FOR ME! IT'S THE LIVES OF BILLIONS WEIGHED AGAINST YOURS--
AND I'M AFRAID YOU LOSE!
STEEL-HARD FINGERS CLOSE ON ONE OF THE MISSILES AND...
THE OLD BOOMERANG GAMBIT! I'M DESTROYING THE TIMING MECHANISM OF THE OTHER MISSILES--AND WITHOUT IT, THEY'LL BURN UP IN THE ATMOSPHERE--LIKE SO MUCH UNWANTED SCRAP!
NOW MAYBE THERE'S STILL TIME TO SAVE KYLE!
BUT AS THE GIRL OF STEEL WHIRLS TOWARD THE SATELLITE...
TOO LATE! WITHOUT PARACHUTES TO SLOW IT, THE SATELLITE WILL FALL LIKE A DYING STAR! IT'LL BE ASHES BEFORE IT HITS THE GROUND!
I HOPE SOMEONE NOTICES YOU ON THE WAY DOWN, KYLE--SOMEONE BRIGHT AND INNOCENT--AND FAR REMOVED FROM THE FOLLIES OF WAR!
I HOPE SOMEONE SEES YOU--AND MAKES A WISH!
THE END

THE MEMORIES COME FLOCKER NOW, FLOODING ACROSS YOUR MIND LIKE A TERRIBLE TIDE--MEMORIES OF YOUR FATHER ZATARA, AS HE BANISHED YOU FROM EARTH--MEMORIES OF OLD KING HARNU, WHO BROUGHT YOU TO HIS CRUMBLING TOWER TO DIE--MEMORIES OF THE ARMY OF THE DAMNED AND THE GORGONUS, WHO SOUGHT HERE TO SLAY YOU...

AND THE MOST HORRIBLE THOUGHT OF ALL--JEFF SLOANE, YOUR COMPANION IN THIS MADDENING JOURNEY, A VICTIM OF THE GORGONUS' DEADLY STARE--HIS LIFE MUSCLES NOW FORCED OF LIFELESS STONE...
OH, JEFF--WHAT SHALL I DO? I CAN'T LEAVE YOU HERE LIKE THIS--BUT IF I STAY, THE DIMENSIONAL PORTAL WILL CLOSE--
AND I'LL LOSE MY ONLY HOPE OF RETURNING TO EARTH IN TIME TO SAVE MY FATHER!

THIS THEN IS YOUR PROBLEM--THE WEIGHING OF NORTH--THE SACRIFICE OF ONE LOVE FOR THE SALVATION OF THE OTHER. WHAT WILL YOU DO SORCERESS--WHAT CAN YOU DO?
ZATANNA THE MAGICIAN--
KILL OR BE KILLED
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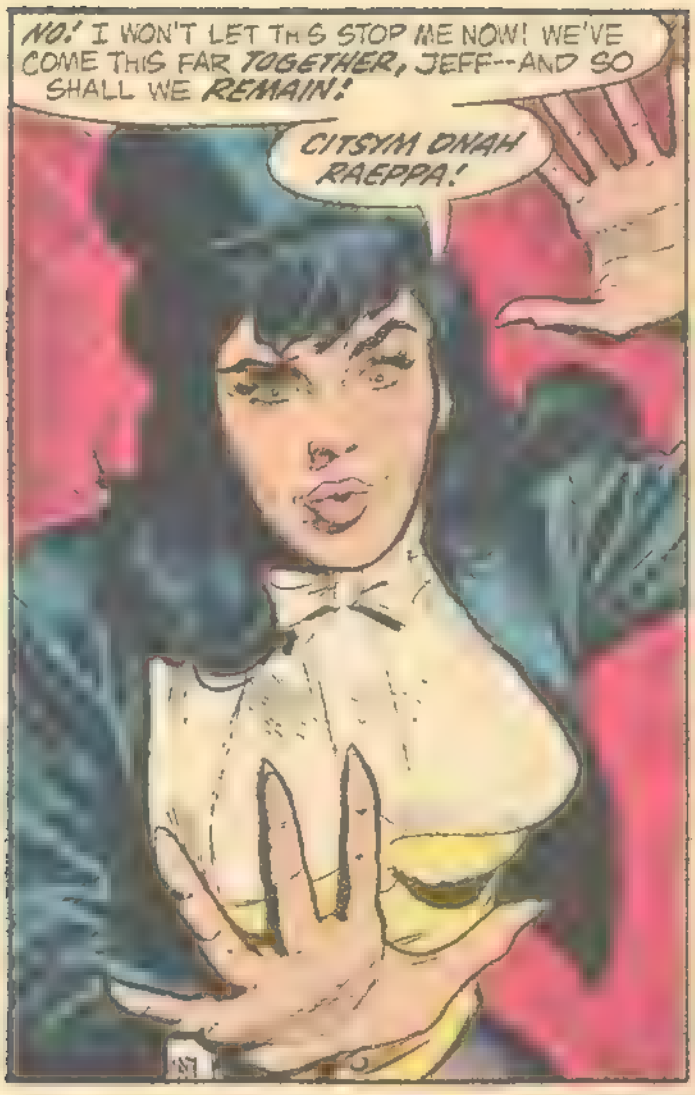
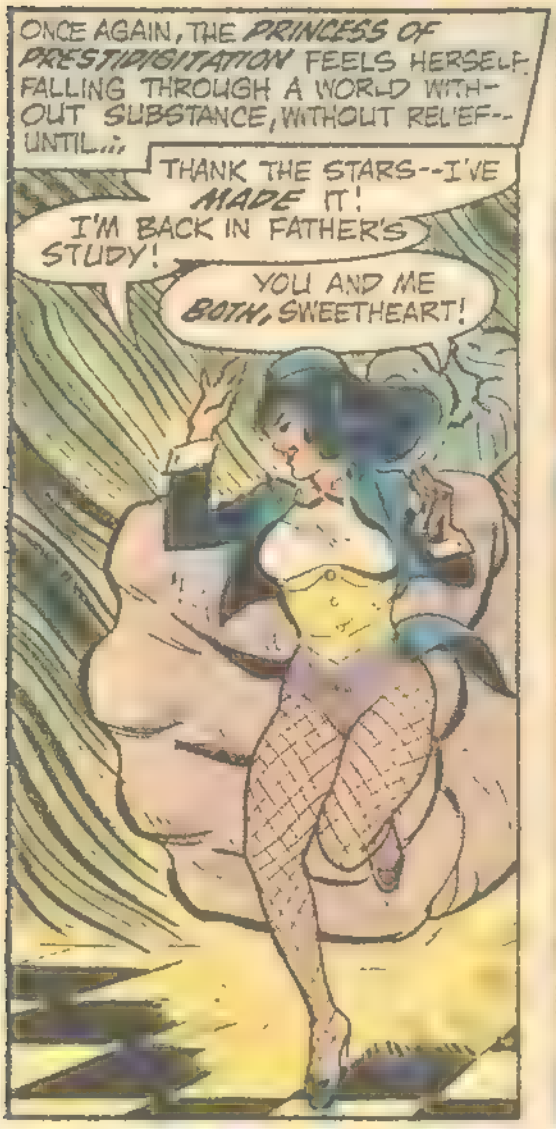
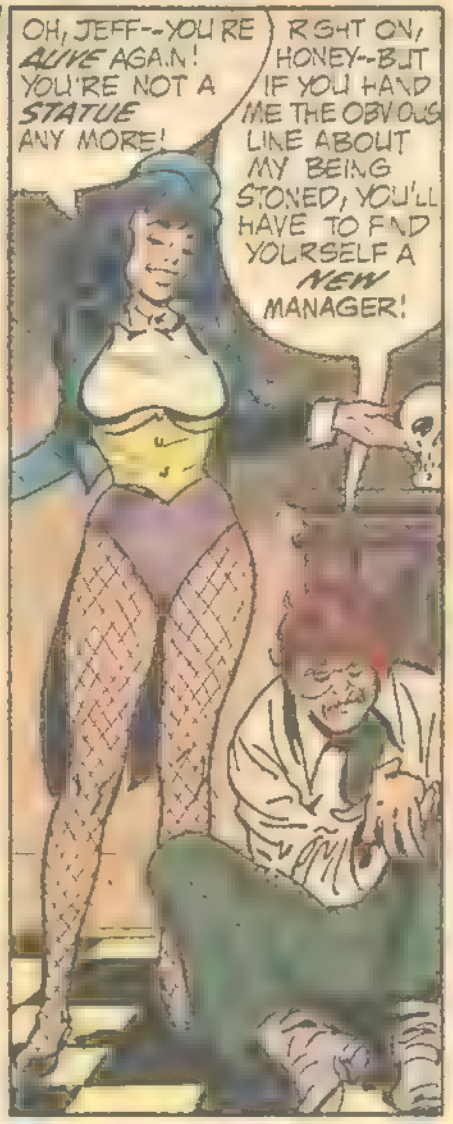

NO! I WON'T LET THIS STOP ME NOW! WE'VE COME THIS FAR TOGETHER, JEFF--AND SO SHALL WE REMAIN!
CITSYM ONAH RAEPPA!

RECITING HER MYSTIC COMMANDS BACKWARDS, THE MISTRESS OF THE OCCULT BRINGS UNTOLD SUPER-NATURAL FORCES INTO PLAY AND...
IF YOU CAN HEAR ME, JEFFREY--PRAY!
FOR IF WE DON'T REACH EARTH ON OUR FIRST ATTEMPT--WE'LL NEVER GET HOME AT ALL!


ONCE AGAIN, THE PRINCESS OF PRESTIDIGITATION FEELS HERSELF FALLING THROUGH A WORLD WITHOUT SUBSTANCE, WITHOUT RELIEF--UNTIL...
THANK THE STARS--I'VE MADE IT! I'M BACK IN FATHER'S STUDY!
YOU AND ME BOTH, SWEETHEART!


OH, JEFF--YOU'RE ALIVE AGAIN! YOU'RE NOT A STATUE ANY MORE!
RIGHT ON, HONEY--BUT IF YOU HAND ME THE OBVIOUS LINE ABOUT MY BEING STONED, YOU'LL HAVE TO FIND YOURSELF A NEW MANAGER!

SOMEHOW THE JOURNEY BACK ACROSS THE DIMENSIONS REVERSED THE EFFECTS OF GORGONUS' SPELL--YOU'RE NORMAL AGAIN!
RIGHT DOWN TO YOUR MISERABLE SENSE OF HUMOR!
BABY, THAT'S THE NICEST THING YOU'VE SAID ALL...
OH, MY LORD..!

W-WHAT ARE THEY?
OUTWORLD DEMONS! PERHAPS THEY'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR FATHER'S BIZARRE BEHAVIOR

WELL, IF YOU DON'T GET THESE HALF-PINT HORRORS OFF OF US-- YOU MIGHT NOT LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO FIND OUT!
PATIENCE, JEFFREY-- IT TAKES TIME TO DO ANYTHING OF IMPORTANCE WELL!
SREZZEINT DNA KCAS RAEPPA!

INSTANTLY, ZATANNA'S MYSTIC IMPLEMENTS ARE FORMED FROM THE ETHER AROUND HER AND...
SREZZEINT, WORHT SNOMED OTNI KCAS!
HANG ON, JEFF--A MOMENT MORE AND IT'LL ALL BE IN THE BAG!
OUCH! AND YOU COMPLAIN ABOUT MY SENSE OF HUMOR?

MOMENTS LATER AFTER THE DUST OF THE SHORT-LIVED BATTLE HAS SETTLED...
HERE, HONEY-- I SAVED THIS ONE FOR YOU.
NO! NO HURT GRUNNO GRUNNO TELL ALL
YOU HAD BETTER, DEMON-- OR ELSE!
THIS LITTLE NIGHT-MARE IS GOING TO TELL US EVERYTHING WE WANT TO KNOW-- OR I WILL PER-SONALLY TEAR IT INTO TINY LITTLE PIECES.
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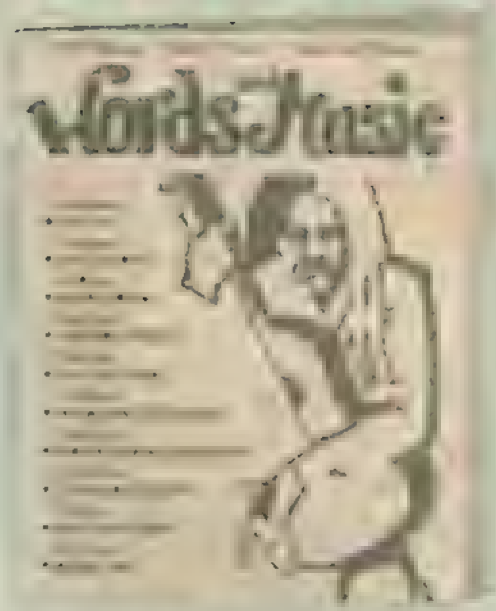

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OUR CONFRONTATION MAY BE--VIOLENT, JEFF! PLEASE WAIT FOR ME HERE!
FAT CHANCE, SWEETHEART! LIKE YOU SAID--WE BEGAN THIS THING TOGETHER--AND WE'LL FINISH IT THAT WAY!
DEAR, SWEET JEFFREY--I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN YOU'D SAY THAT! I ONLY HOPE YOU WON'T REGRET YOUR CHOICE!
EKAT SU OT ARATAZ!
MYSTIC SMOKE SWIRLS TALL AROUND THE COURAGEOUS COUPLE--AND WHEN IT FINALLY DISSIPATES...
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I CAN'T BE! MY MOST DREADFUL DREAMS ARE REALIZED!
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SUCH ARE THE SHAPES OF UNBRIDLED MADNESS--THE FORMS OF PANIC AND FEAR. SUCH ARE THE DEMONS OF ZATARA THE MAGICIAN!
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BUT THIS MAN WHO HAS SPAWNED *MONSTERS* HAS SPAWNED SOMETHING ELSE AS WELL--AN OVERWHELMING *LOVE* IN THE HEART OF SHE WHO IS HIS *DAUGHTER*...

FATHER, PLEASE--YOU MUST STOP THIS MADNESS--*YOU MUST!*

SO, DAUGHTER, YOU'VE *RE-TURNED*--BUT ONLY TO MEET YOUR *DOOM!*

ZATANNA, BABY... *DON'T--!*

THUS IT BEGINS--THIS TERRIBLE STRUGGLE BETWEEN MASTER MAGICIAN AND MYSTIC MAID --BETWEEN ONE WHO ONCE LENT HIS POWERS TO THE PROTECTION OF MANKIND AND ONE WHO DEFENDS IT NOW...

FATHER--I *BEG* YOU--*LISTEN* TO ME--!

WORDS ARE WORTHLESS, DAUGHTER! 'TIS ONLY *ACTIONS* THAT COUNT NOW!

AND VIOLENT ACTIONS BEGIN TO ROIL THE HUMID AIR--FOR *ZATANNA* HAS LEARNED HER MENTOR'S LESSONS WELL--*VERY WELL* INDEED...

AND IF WHAT THEY SAY OF THE "SINS OF THE FATHER" IS TRUE--SO MUST IT BE WITH HIS VIRTUES...

BUT *VIRTUE* IS NOT RESTRICTED TO *SORCERERS* ALONE--IT, TOO, COMES IN MYRIAD SHAPES AND FORMS...

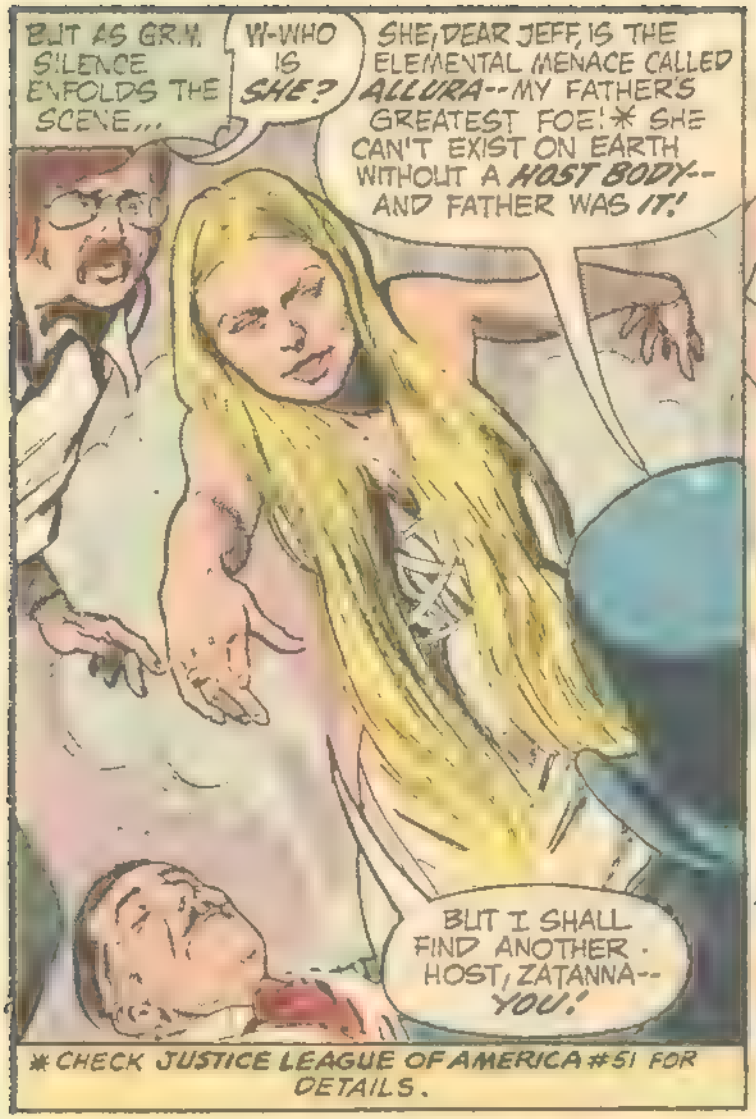
GET *OUT* OF HERE, SWEETHEART--I'LL HOLD HIM OFF TILL YOU DO!

JEFF--YOU CRAZY IDIOT--*DON'T!*

BUT THE *SAUCY SORCERESS'* WARNING COMES INSTANTS *TOO LATE!*

ONE OF THOSE *MONSTERS* HAS JEFF--AND FATHER JUST STANDS THERE *LAUGHING!*

THE AIR GROWS TURBULENT WITH THE FORCE OF JEFF'S THRASHING ARMS.
WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU? YOU'RE NOT THE MAN I LOVED AND RESPECTED! YOU'VE BECOME A POWER-CRAZED MANIAC--AND YOU'RE MURDERING JEFF!
OF COURSE, YOU SNIVELING FOOL! KILLING HIM LEAVES ONE LESS FOE TO OPPOSE ME IN MY CONQUEST OF EARTH
THE MISTRESS OF MAGIC PEERS AT THE MAD-EYED FACE OF HER FATHER AND THE HORRIBLE VISAGE IS QUICKLY REPLACED BY THE SPECTRE OF THE ZATARA SHE ONCE KNEW--KIND, LOVING. THEN THIS, TOO, FADES, AND IN ITS PLACE ARE THE HAUNTING, TORTURED FEATURES OF THE DYING JEFF SLOANE..
WEIGH THEIR WORTH CAREFULLY, SORCERESS--THE LIFE OF YOUR FATHER, WHO NOW THREATENS TO DESTROY AN ENTIRE CITY, AGAINST THE VALUE OF JEFF, WHO HAS STOOD FAITHFULLY AT YOUR SIDE THROUGH WORLDS BEYOND WORLDS. WEIGH THEIR LIVES MOST CAREFULLY, SORCERESS--AND DECIDE AS YOU KNOW YOU MUST..
ZATARA--DIE!!
NO, DAD--YOU MUSTN'T--! IT'S YOUR FATHER--YOUR FATHER!
AND THAT LAST BITTER FRAGMENT OF OCCULT INFORMATION FADES FROM ZATARA'S SENSES..
ZATANNA--WHAT'VE YOU DONE? WHATEVER ELSE HE WAS--HE WAS YOUR OWN FLESH AND BLOOD!
PLEASE, JEFF--DON'T REMIND ME I DID WHAT I DID FOR THE GREATER GOOD.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W-WHO IS SHE?
SHE, DEAR JEFF, IS THE ELEMENTAL MENACE CALLED ALLURA--MY FATHER'S GREATEST FOE! * SHE CAN'T EXIST ON EARTH WITHOUT A HOST BODY--AND FATHER WAS IT!
BUT I SHALL FIND ANOTHER HOST, ZATANNA--YOU!

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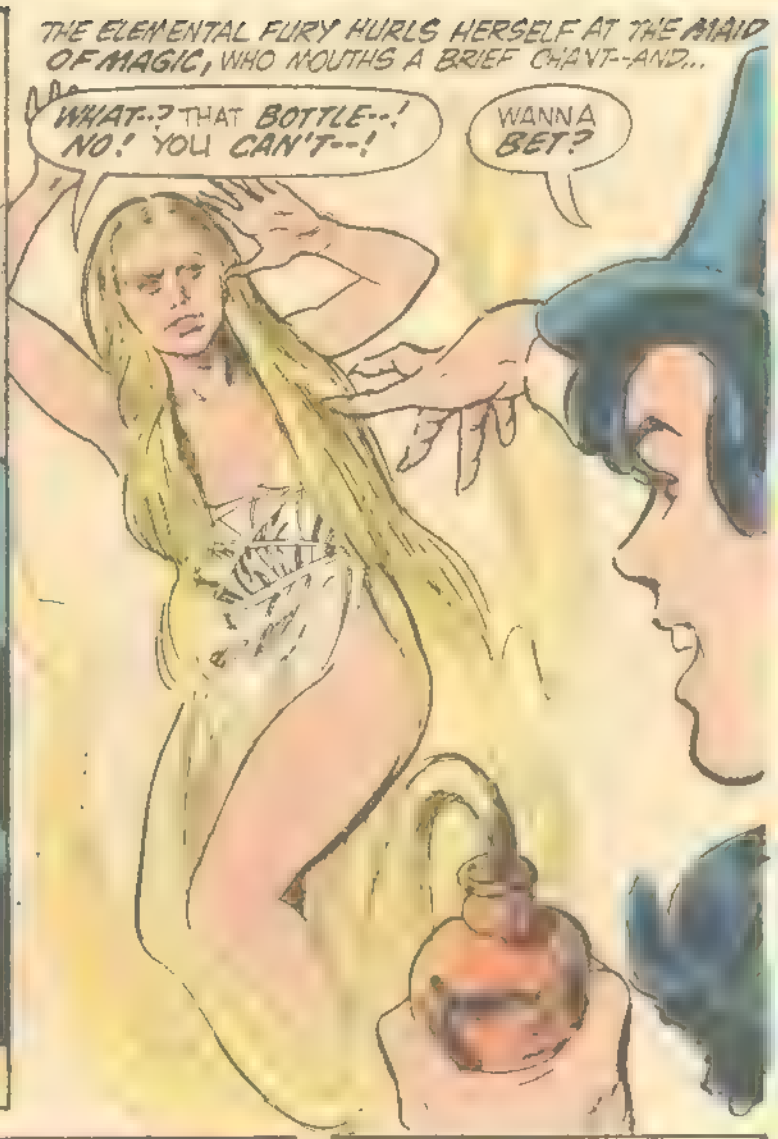

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ONE THING MORE, DAUGHTER--HOW DID YOU KNOW YOUR SPELL WOULD NOT TRULY KILL ME?
IT'S SIMPLE --I SPOKE THE COMMAND NORMALLY INSTEAD OF IN REVERSE! IT COULDN'T HAVE KILLED YOU!
EKOMS, EKAT SU EMOH!
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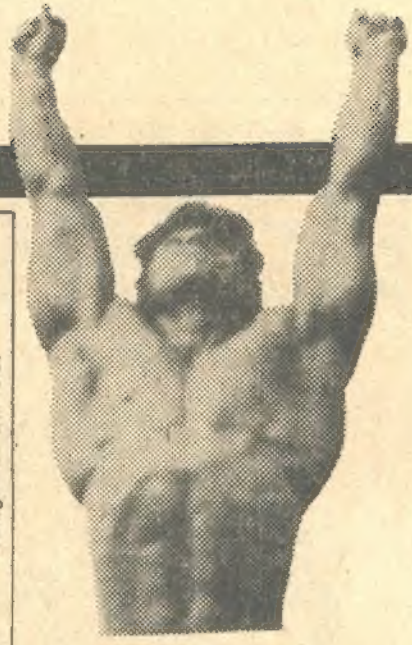

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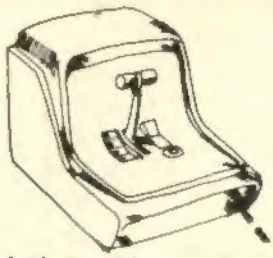

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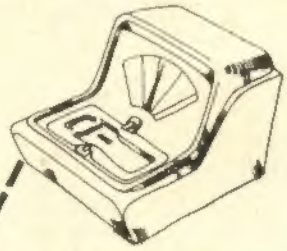

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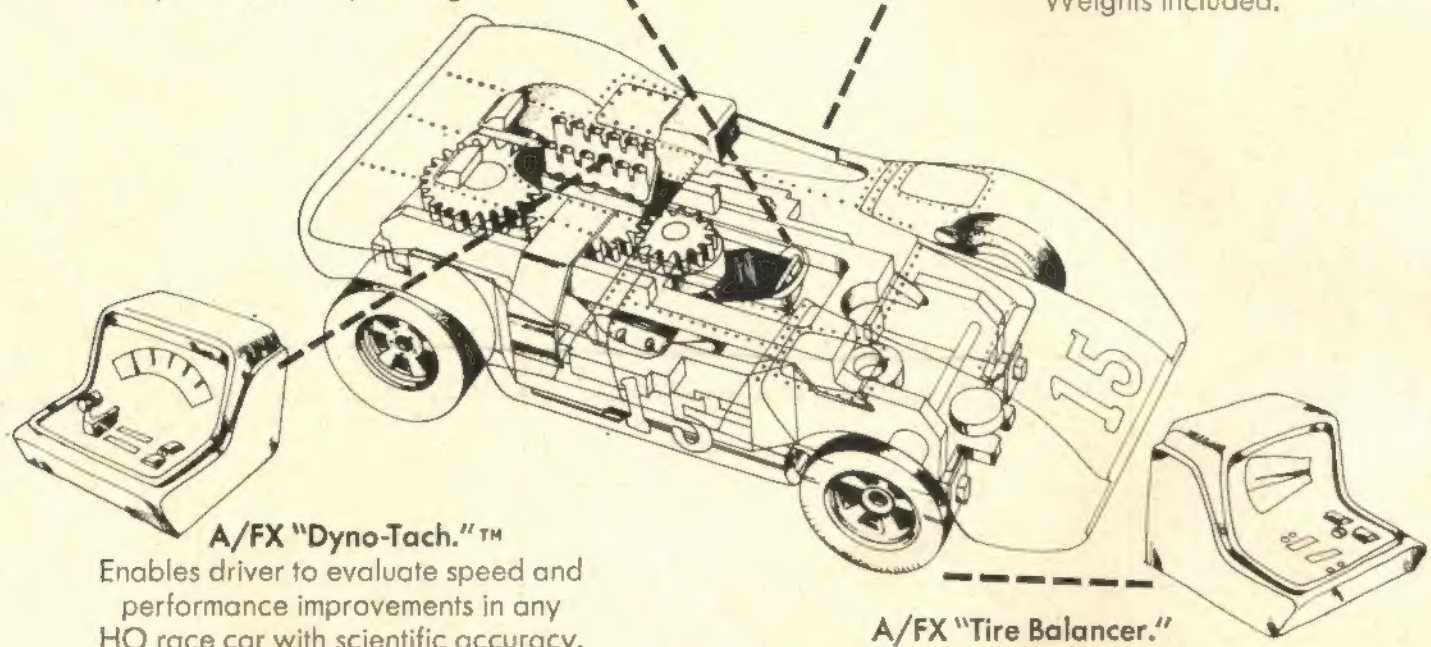

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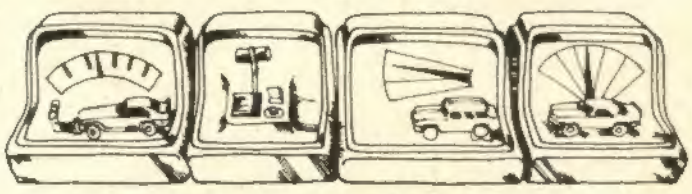

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